



INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER FEDERATION

CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

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THE INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS & SNOOKER FEDERATION
CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

The IBSF Snooker Championships 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 to Member Associations, no less than two years in advance.
The Championships shall be played under the Conditions approved by the IBSF and under the Rules of the Game as published by the appropriate authority.
The Host Association shall give notice no later than one year from the start of the Championship of their inability to stage them. The Federation will then seek a new host for the Championship.

DEFINITIONS

IBSF Championship Committee

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

- a) IBSF General Secretary
- b) Chairman Referees & Rules Committee
- c) IBSF overseer to be appointed by the IBSF Board
- d) Member Representative from the Host Association

IBSF Tournament Committee

The committee being responsible for the running of the event from the day of the Opening ceremony till the Closing ceremony has finished.

- a) Tournament Director (to be appointed by the host association in conjunction with the IBSF)
- b) International Head Referee (to be appointed by the IBSF Board in conjunction with the Host Association and IBSF Referees Committee)
- c) IBSF Tournament Overseer
- d) Three Regional Representatives appointed by the IBSF Board, as per clause 24

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 entry forms not less than twelve weeks prior to the date of the commencement of the Championship.

The IBSF World Men's Snooker Championships shall be held from 1st – 30th November in any year
The IBSF World Ladies Championships will be held in conjunction with the IBSF World Snooker Championships

The IBSF World Men's and Ladies under 21 Championships, shall whenever possible, be held in conjunction with the IBSF World Masters Championships or the IBSF World Billiards Championships, and shall be held between 1st July and 31st August in any year

The IBSF World Team Cup shall be held from the 1st February – 31st March, 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 be granted upon application to the IBSF

The Host Association must receive completed forms with photographs by the closing date, which shall be six (6) weeks before the start of the Championships.

The IBSF Secretary must receive a Notice of Participation within the same period. NO entries will be accepted after this date. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

- 1.3 Rejection of entries shall be sent by email to the Secretary of the Member Country concerned and the Secretary of the Regional Federation within 14 days after the closing date, with clearly defined reasons of rejection ratified by the IBSF Board.
- 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 they are 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 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) players for the IBSF Men's Snooker Championships

Three (3) male players for the Men's and three (3) Female players for the Ladies, Under 21 Snooker Championships – players entitled to enter must be under 21 years of age on the 31st of December of the year preceding the Championship concerned. Dates of birth will be checked on the first day of the Championships.

Two (2) Lady Players for the IBSF Ladies Snooker Championships

Two (2) players for the IBSF Masters Championships – players entitled to enter must be over 40 years of age on the 1st January preceding the Championship

Three (3) players for the IBSF Billiards Championships

The Host Association will be allowed one player per each group 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.

- 2.2 Extra Players that are to be invited:

The Regional Men's, Ladies and Under 21 Snooker Champions and Regional Billiards Champion The Defending Champion of the IBSF Men's, Ladies, Masters and Under 21 Championship but subject to the age of the Under 21 player, and that neither the Under 21 nor Men's Champion are participating on the WSA Main Tour. If the Regional Champion takes the Main Tour place, then the Runner Up will be offered the position.

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 Host Association may request to the IBSF to invite players from the other countries of 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.
- 2.7 A player that wins IBSF World Under 21 Championship cannot play in the IBSF World Men's Championship in the same year. Upon application an exceptional circumstance will be considered by the IBSF

3. AFFILIATION AND ENTRY FEES

- 3.1 An Affiliation Fee of US\$300 - will be payable to the IBSF by the last day of June 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, for ALL IBSF World Championships on the first day of the Championships.

4. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT SNOOKER

- 4.1 The maximum time allowed to host the Championships will be 12 days, with the final day being scheduled for a Friday or Saturday, unless otherwise agreed by the Federation and the IBSF.
- 4.2 The Round Robin Stages - will be made up of:

	Men	U21s	Ladies	Masters
Round robin no. of groups	8	8	4/8	4/8
Frames round robin matches	7	7	5	5
No. of qualifiers per group	4	4	2/4	2/4
No. of frames played in Last 32	9	9	n/a	7
No of frames played in Last 16	9	9	7	7
No. of frames played in quarter final	11 (5 + 6)*	11 (5 + 6)*	7	7
No. of frames played in semi final	13 (6 + 7)*	13 (6 + 7)*	7	9
No. of frames played in final	19 (9 + 10)*	17 (8 + 9)*	9	11

* Both Stages to be played on the same day.

The number of groups may be increased at the discretion of the IBSF to ensure the completion of the Championships within the allocated time period

- 4.4 Semi-finals – Both matches to be played the best of 13 frames over 2 Sessions on the same day – First Session a possible 6 frames and the Second Session a possible 7 frames. The match will be stopped in the first session when one of the players has won 4 frames.
- 4.5 Final – To be played the best of 17 frames over 2 Sessions on the same day – First Session a maximum of 8 frames and the Second Session the possible number of frames left. The match will be stopped in the first session when one of the players has won 6 frames.
- 4.6 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.

4.7 **BILLIARDS**

The IBSF recognises the rise in popularity of the 150 up format. The Host Association will be required to stage two IBSF Billiards Championships, each of which will be played for its own IBSF trophy. The first Championship will be held will be a 150 up format championship, followed immediately by the traditional timed format championship.

The procedure for the 150 up format will be - section play best of 5 x 150 up, last 16 and 1/4 finals best of 7 x 150 up, semi-finals best of 9 x 150 up, final best of 11 x 150 up.

The procedure for the traditional timed format (to be held immediately at the conclusion of the 150 up format) will be section play - 2 x 1 1/2 hours, last 16 and 1/4 finals - 2 x 2 hours, semi-finals - 2 x 2 hours, final - 3 x 2 hours.

5. **ROUND ROBIN GROUP DRAWS**

The draw shall be made by the IBSF Championship Committee.

- 5.1 There will be NO seeding of players for the Round Robin Groups, which will be drawn as follows.
 - i) Eight/four countries (depending on the number of groups for the event) will be selected and their No. 1 player drawn at random under the 8/4 Group Headings
 - ii) A second group of eight/four countries (which may include countries from the first group), will be selected and the players drawn at random under the 8/4 Group Headings.
 - iii) A third and/or fourth group of eight/four countries, (which may include countries from the previous groups selected) will be selected and the players drawn at random under the 8/4 Group Headings.
 - iv) The remaining players will then be drawn at random into the 8/4 group headings, and placed as best as possible so that the players from the same region are spread evenly over all groups.
 - v) No player will be drawn into the same group as a fellow countryman, other than an emergency replacement from the Host or Regional Association, a third player of any country due to the previous year's title holder, the Under 21 Champion or Regional Champions attending the Championship.
 - vi) If a player is drawn into the same group as a fellow countryman, he will automatically go to the next available group.
 - vii) The IBSF holds the right to change the seeding of players received from the country due to an obvious error.

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.
 - i) Any player not in attendance at the designated start time **will lose one (1) Frame** when the match commences.
 - ii) If a player is not in attendance 15 minutes after the designated start time, his/her match shall be declared a walkover given to his/her opponent. If both players are in default of being absent after the aforesaid grace period of 15 minutes, both players will be declared their match as a walkover.
 - iii) 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
 - iv) There shall be no re-scheduled matches for the declared walkover. (See also 6.2.iv and 6.3)
- 6.2 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.
 - i) 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 walk-over, to 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).
 - ii) 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.
 - iii) In the event of a player failing to be present for two matches, he/she shall be declared withdrawn from the Championship. Additional disciplinary action may be taken against him/her, pursuant to the provisions of the IBSF Disciplinary Rules and Procedures.

iv) 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.

- 6.3 Should any player be unable to play a match due to illness, the following conditions shall apply:
- i) The Tournament Director must be informed in writing of his/her indisposition at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start time of the match in reference.
 - ii) An authorized medical certificate must be obtained and forwarded to the Tournament Director from the designated Championship Doctor, as specified by the Host NSA.
 - iii) 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
- 6.4 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 and / or a letter from the player who confirms that he is playing at his own risk and will not hold the IBSF responsible for any untoward or further illness that he may be suffering.

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 Stages played by that player **will become null and void**.
- 7.2 All decisions regarding Walk Overs, Withdrawals and Forfeits will be made by the IBSF, who will investigate the matter/s and take disciplinary action against the offenders National Association if seen fit to do so.

8. GROUP WINNERS

- 8.1 Two/Four players from each group will go forward to the Final Knock out Stages - Last 32/Last 16. (See under 4.3)
- 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 Draw to be made in public by the IBSF Tournament Committee

- 9.1 On completion of the Round Robin Stages the 8/4 Group Winners will be seeded as follows:
- a) With the same number of matches played in ALL groups the Frame Difference will decide the seeding. If the frame difference is the same for two or more players a draw will settle the seeding positions.
 - b) With different numbers of matches played in the groups, the Frame Average will decide the seeding. If the frame average is the same for two or more players, a draw will settle the seeding positions. (Refer to Supplement)
 - c) Players with NO losses will be seeded first using points 1a and 1b.
 - d) Players with ONE loss will be seeded next using points 1a and 1b.
 - e) Players with TWO losses will be seeded using points 1a and 1b.

9.2 The Drawing Procedure

a) Seeding for the Last 32 (Refer to Supplement)

When the Number 1 players have been seeded they will be placed in the following order from the top of the draw sheet. 1 - 8 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 6 - 7 - 2

b) Seeding for Last 16 (Refer to Supplement)

When the Number 1 players have been seeded they will be placed in the following order from the top of the draw sheet. 1 - 4 - 3 - 2

The Number 2 of each group will be drawn into the opposite half of their own group winner, who they can only meet in the Final. And in the first available spot

The Number 2 will be drawn from 9 to 16 in the opposite half of their group winner and in the first available spot. 1 – 16 / 9 – 8 / 5 – 12 / 13 – 4 / 3 – 14 / 11 – 6 / 7 – 10 / 15 – 2

The Number 3 of each group will be drawn in the same half as the number 2 of their group, but in the opposite quarter.

The Number 4 of each group will be drawn in the same half as the number 1 of their group, but in the opposite quarter.

9.3 If only 2 groups are used in the round robin format and 4 players from each are taken to the Knock Out Stage of the Championships, the players will be placed in the following order from the top of the draw sheet

A1 – B4, A3 – B2, A2 – B3, A4 – B1

9.4 The draw shall be final and NO consideration will be given for two players from the same country being drawn to play each other in the Final Knock Out Stages -The Last 32

9.5 Please refer to Point 6 & 7

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 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 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 Ladies 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. 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 or closed toe shoes. No sports style shoes, sandals, boots will be allowed.

10.1.3 In all cases the Tournament Championship Committee keeps the right to refuse any player (man or lady) who wears a dress code which could be considered inappropriate in a way which could disrupt the competition or could portray a damaging or conflicting image to the best standards and interests of the IBSF.

When the Championship conditions are hot, at which time certain dress requirements may be waived by the Championship Committee.

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 The Host Association will decide the dress code for any official functions.

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

10.5 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:

- a) **IBSF Men's Snooker Championship: Total Prize Fund minimum US\$16,000**
Prize Fund % to be calculated on the Total Prize Money less the High Break Prize
- 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, Certificate and Medal
 - 5-8th. - 10% plus Medals and Certificate for reaching the last 8
 - 9-16th. - 10% plus Medals and Certificate for reaching the last 16
 - 17-32nd - Certificate for qualifying for the last 32

Group Highest Break – 8 x US\$100

Championship Highest Break – US\$500 plus Trophy and Certificate.

- b) **IBSF World under 21 Men's Snooker Championship: Total Prize Fund minimum US\$10,000**

Prize Fund % to be calculated on the Total Prize Money less the High Break Prize

- 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, Certificate and Medal
- 5-8th. - 10% plus Medals and Certificate for reaching the last 8
- 9-16th. - 10% plus Medals and Certificate for reaching the last 16
- 17-32nd - Certificate for qualifying for the last 32

Group Highest Break – 8 x US\$100

Championship Highest Break – US\$500 plus Trophy and Certificate.

IBSF World under 21 Ladies Snooker Championship: Total Prize Fund minimum US\$4,000

Prize Fund % to be calculated on the Total Prize Money less the High Break Prize

- Winner - 50% 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, Certificate and Medal
- 5-8th. - 10% plus Medals and Certificate for reaching the last 8
- 9th-16th - Certificate for qualifying for the last 16

Group Highest Break – each group x US\$50

Championship Highest Break – US\$150 plus Trophy and Certificate.

- c) **IBSF World Ladies Snooker Championship: Total Prize Fund minimum US\$6,000**

Prize Fund % to be calculated on the Total Prize Money less the High Break Prize

- Winner - 50% 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 Medal - 7.5% plus Trophy, Certificate and Medal
- 5-8th. - 10% plus Medals and Certificate for reaching the last 8
- 9-16th. - Certificate for qualifying for the last 16

Group Highest Break – 4 x US\$50

Championship Highest Break – US\$200 plus Trophy and Certificate.

- d) **IBSF World Masters Snooker Championship: Total Prize Fund minimum US\$8,000**

Prize Fund % to be calculated on the Total Prize Money less the High Break Prize

- Winner - 50% 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, Certificate and Medal
- 5-8th. - 10% plus Medals and Certificate for reaching the last 8
- 9-16th. - Certificate for qualifying for the last 16

Group Highest Break – 4 x US\$50

Championship Highest Break – US\$300 plus Trophy and Certificate.

- e) IBSF World Billiards Championship
Total Prize Fund minimum US\$8,000 to be split into US\$4,000 for each of the events.

Prize Fund % to be calculated on the Total Prize Money less the High Break Prize

- Winner - 50% 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, Certificate and Medal
 5-8th. - 10% plus Medals and Certificate for reaching the last 8
 9-16th. - Certificate for qualifying for the last 16

Group Highest Break – 4 x US\$50

Championship Highest Break – US\$300 plus Trophy and Certificate for each Championship

PRIZE FUNDS ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE CHANGE ON THE IBSF BOARDS APPROVAL

- 11.2 Any extra prizes offered by the Host Association at their own discretion and approved by the Championship Committee.
 11.3 The IBSF World Championship Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the winner at the Closing Ceremony and then returned to the IBSF Secretary who will hold it until the following year.

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\$85 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 for a maximum of 16 days for:

The IBSF World Men's Championship

The IBSF President	15 night's accommodation
The IBSF Tournament Director - If required*	15 night's accommodation
The International Referees	15 night's accommodation
The IBSF Webmaster	15 night's accommodation

The Under 21 World Snooker Championships

The IBSF President	15 night's accommodation
The IBSF Tournament Director – If required*	15 night's accommodation
The International Referees	15 night's accommodation
The IBSF Webmaster	Upon application by the IBSF

The IBSF World Ladies Snooker Championships*

The IBSF President	15 night's accommodation
The IBSF Tournament Director - If required	15 night's accommodation
The International Referees	15 night's accommodation

* Please note that these Ladies Championships will normally be held in conjunction with the Men's Championships, and therefore the same criteria as previously quoted for the Men's Championship would also apply to the Ladies Championship when the events are played at the same time

The IBSF World Masters Snooker Championships

The IBSF President (or representative)	15 night's accommodation
The IBSF Tournament Director - If required*	15 night's accommodation
The International Referees	15 night's accommodation
The IBSF Webmaster	Upon application by the IBSF

The IBSF World Billiards Championships

The IBSF President (or representative)	15 night's accommodation
The IBSF Tournament Director - If required	15 night's accommodation
The International Referees	15 night's accommodation
The IBSF Webmaster	Upon application by the IBSF

- 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 There will be NO daily allowances paid to any Delegate or Player.

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 if required by the Host Association.
- 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.
- 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 his/her game.
- 13.9 NO MOBILE PHONES, TWO WAY RADIOS or BLEEPERS will be allowed inside the Match Venue.

14. REFEREES

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

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

- 14.1 All Referees at the Championship must be:
 - 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.
 - d) Referees will not be required to work more than two sessions a day.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 All National Associations should offer to supply Referees for the Championships if possible.
- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 The Host Association is required to supply a daily food allowance of USD\$ 10.00 or its equivalent in food vouchers.
- 14.6 The Host Association is required to supply Markers and Recorders for all 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 Host Association the Championship Committee and the IBSF representative

18. IBSF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND IBSF BOARD MEETINGS

The Host Association shall make arrangements for holding these meetings in rooms adequate for the purpose. The IBSF will stand the cost for the IBSF Board Meetings and the Host Association will bear the costs of the IBSF Annual General Meeting. These meeting rooms will set up as directed by the Secretary of the IBSF. The Host Association must arrange refreshments on completion of the IBSF AGM for all present.

19. 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. See IBSF Championship Bid Form.

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. FREE DAY

A day on which no Championship Matches are played should be arranged if possible after the Round Robin Stages have been completed. This is optional for the Host Association.

21. 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 Host Association is responsible to ensure that a computer is available on-line (Internet) for the exclusive use of the IBSF website. See IBSF Championship Bid Form.

22. CHAMPIONSHIP OVERSEER

The IBSF shall appoint a Championship Overseer to oversee the Championship of that year. He/she will be responsible to monitor all activities as he/she sees fit and to establish 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.

23. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Host Association shall appoint in conjunction with the IBSF from within their National or Regional Association a Tournament Director who will be in control of the Championship. He/she will ensure that the tournament is conducted and completed to the standards of a World Class Event.

The Host Association may request to use of a Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director and Head Referees outside of their own region, for which they must cover all expenses including air fare.

24. IBSF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee will comprise of four persons, the Tournament Director, the International Head Referee, a nominated person from the Host Nation and a nominated Member of the Championship Conditions Committee.

25. 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

25.3 Shender are the official IBSF Table Sponsor for 2010-2012 and will supply tables for the IBSF Championships, as agreed in the IBSF/Shender contract, the details of which will be sent to the Host Association.

25.4 Saluc is the official IBSF ball sponsors for 2007 – 2009 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.

26. SUPPLEMENTS

6.2 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.

9.1 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.

27. MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES

27.1 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.

27.2 It will be the responsibility of those attending IBSF Championship's and associated events, to cover any possible loses due to cancellations. This includes travel expenses.

27.3 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.

27.4 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 HOLDING OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ANY CHANGES TO THESE CONDITIONS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE PLAYERS MEETING



AMENDMENTS

THE INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS & SNOOKER FEDERATION

DISCIPLINARY RULES & PROCEDURES

(Made Pursuant to Article 16 & By-law 3 of the IBSF Constitution)

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A.0 PREAMBLE

A.1 The aims and objects of the instant Disciplinary Rules are to instill a better decorum and etiquette into the games of "Billiards and Snooker" and to regulate its practice to conform thereto.

A.2 By-law 1.8 & Championship Condition 15 of the IBSF Constitution have specific reference to such a disciplinary requirement, which is produced hereunder for ease of reference:

By-law 1.8: "A Member Country found to have committed an act or offence which is inconsistent with and/or is contrary to the aims and objects of the Federation, thereby bringing disrepute to the Game and the IBSF, may be suspended or expelled there from....." and

Championship Condition 15: "Should any player, referee, delegate or person representing a Member Country put the game into disrepute at any time during the Championships, the Disciplinary Code of Action as attached to these Conditions will be applied"

A.3 Pursuant to the aforesaid, the IBSF wishes to enact herein the "Discipline Rules & Procedures" in compliance with the aforesaid "Disciplinary Code of Action" for due enforcement.

A.4 As per Constitution provisions, any person representing a Member Country in an IBSF championship and having found himself miss-conducted therein and thereby bringing disrepute into the game and the IBSF, may be suspended or expelled from membership, depending on the severity of the said breach, based on due inquiry and supporting recommendations thereto by a Disciplinary Committee voted and accepted by an AGM/EGM.

B.0 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

B.1 Pursuant to the aforesaid, the IBSF appoints a Disciplinary Committee comprising;

- A chairman appointed by the IBSF Board;
- The IBSF Secretary; and
- 3 Regional representatives from the IBSF Board.

In the event of the said complaint arose from a country to which a regional representative on the Committee belongs, the said regional representative shall be disqualified to sit in the said proceedings for reason of possible conflict in interest.

B.2 The duties of the Committee is to investigate into the said complaint and thereafter recommend to the Executive Board for any proper cause of actions, made pursuant to the disciplinary rules and procedures herein contained.

C.0 PROCEDURES OF INVESTIGATION

C.1 All complaints lodged with the IBSF against a person or a Member Country shall be made in writing with supporting evidence; oral complaints of whatever nature shall not be entertained.

C.2 If the complaint is directed to a player, the representative Country Member concerned shall submit the matter in reference in writing. Any decision subsequently reached by the said Disciplinary Committee through proper procedures shall be equally enforceable on the said Country Member under which its player, or its official delegate and or its representative may be involved in such disciplinary proceedings.

- C.3 Upon due receipt by the IBSF of what purports to be a complaint against any player and/or Country Member, the IBSF Secretary shall establish a prima facie of it. If the said Secretary finds that the said complaint has no prima facie, he/she shall dismiss the same thereof and advise the complainant accordingly in writing.
- C.4 On the contrary, if the said complaint is found to be prima facie, the IBSF Secretary shall cause the defendant named therein a written explanation within a prescribed time frame of 4(four) weeks. Upon receipt, the Secretary shall present the said case to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee for due dispatch as required.
- C.5 The said Chairman shall then send all documents hitherto received to other members of the Disciplinary Committee. In addition, the Chairman is entitled to call the disputing parties for any additional evidence so required for appraisal. If appropriate, the Committee may convene a hearing of the case, whereby the parties, either themselves and/or represented by their respective legal counsels, for the purpose of adducing evidence connected therewith.
- C.6 After the hearing and gathering of the relevant evidence has been concluded, whichever becomes applicable, the Disciplinary Committee shall deliberate and conclude its findings and recommendations to be submitted to the IBSF Executive Board, who, in turn, to the AGM for ratification as per Constitution provisions.

D.0 APPEAL

- D.1 Any player found aggrieved by the decision of the IBSF as aforesaid, may appeal in writing thereto giving valid reasons for same, after the receipt of written notification within four (4) weeks thereof, to the IBSF.
- D.2 In such an event, the IBSF Board shall appoint another three-(3) man Appeal Committee to hear and review the case. Such review and decision reached thereof shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

E.0 OFFENCES

- E.1 Any player or referee found infringing the IBSF Disciplinary Rules by:
- E.1.1 officially having entered an IBSF championship and/or an event sanctioned thereof, but did not physically present himself thereat, without giving valid reasons and prior notice thereof for his absence;
 - E.1.2 having turned up at the championship concerned, but did not turn up with prior notice and valid reasons at the appointed time of his matches as scheduled;
 - E.1.3 having commenced competing in a championship but without reasons and notice, have physically left the said championship altogether;
 - E.1.4 unethically and knowingly fixing matches that have a bearing and influence on the results of other competing matches in the said championship;
 - E.1.5 misbehaving and/or conducting himself in such a draconian manner that is unbecoming of him and causing disrepute to the game, himself and the IBSF; and
 - E.1.6 indulging in any unlawful act or acts, that is in contravention of the laws of the country in which the said championship is held.

F.0 PENALTIES

- F.1 Any player, referee, delegate, official or representative, unless he can prove that he has acted in good faith and had no reasonable grounds for supposing that the Disciplinary Rules contained herein would or might have been thereby infringed, be guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable:
- F.1.1 in the case of an offence under Rule E.1.1 herein, to a fine not less than US\$400 and not exceeding US\$2, 000;
 - F.1.2 in the case of an offence under Rule E.1.2 herein
First Offence - A fine not less than US\$100 and not exceeding US\$200 payable before next match.
Repeat Offence- A fine not less than US\$400 and not exceeding US\$1000 and withdrawn from the Championships.

- F.1.3 in the case of an offence under Rule E.1.3 herein, to a fine not exceeding US\$1000; forfeiture of any prize money won and a suspension of one (1) year from competing in any IBSF championship;
- F.1.4 in the event of an offence under Rule E.1.4 herein, to a fine of US\$2,000 and a suspension of two (2) as aforesaid; and
- F.1.5 in the event of an offence under Rules E.1.5 & E.1.6 herein, to a fine of US\$4,000 and a suspension of three (3) years as aforesaid.

G.0 APPLICATIONS

- G.1 Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the same Disciplinary Rules shall be equally applicable to officials, delegates and representatives of a Country Member.
- G.2 Should a player, referee, delegate, official or representative of a Country Member found guilty of infringing any of these Disciplinary Rules and the applicable penalties be imposed thereon, and if the said player, delegate, official or representative is unable to honor such payments of penalties, the Country Member concerned shall be equally held responsible for such penalties, as if it itself has committed and been convicted thereof. Such penalties shall remain in force unless and until they have been subsequently settled or be varied by the IBSF, whichever becomes applicable.
- G.3 Any masculine gender so cited herein shall be equally applicable to the feminine gender.

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