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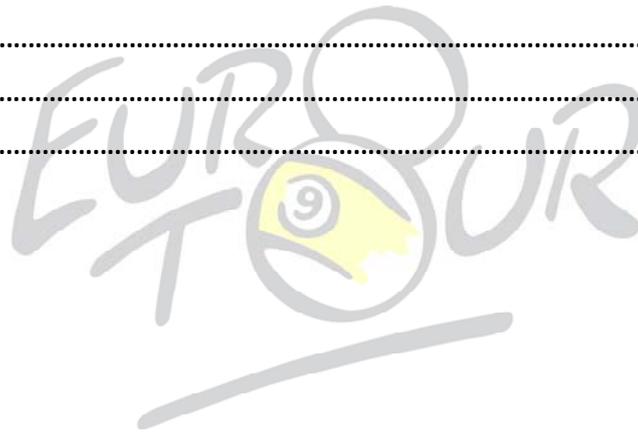
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1. General information

The Euro Tour is an International tour which consists of six (6) stops in 2017. The Euro Tour is organized by the IBPF (International Billiard Promotion Foundation) and the EPBF (European Pocket Billiard Federation).

1.1. Announcements

If possible two (2) months ahead of the Euro Tour the EPBF/IBPF will upload the announcement form on the Euro Tour website with the date for announcement deadline.

Before a player can announce for an event, he / she needs to register first at the Euro Tour website. This registration procedure have to be done **ONLY ONCE!!!**

The procedure is as follows:

- A. Click at the following link:
http://www.eurotouronline.eu/player_registration.asp?db=eurotour&eventheader=yes&showtabs=yes&header=no&filter=yes&footer=yes
- B. Fill out the details as requested.
- C. Click at: yes I want to finalize the registration
- D. Click submit

Each player will then receive two E-mails from us (1) telling that you registration is processed and (2) with your player ID and all further filled out details

After the registration procedure is finished (this is the case if a player received the 2nd confirmation E-mail with the details and player ID) the player can announce for a Euro Tour event. This announcement procedure has to be followed by those players who want to announce per event.

The players who announce for the Whole year/all tournaments, don't have to announce for each event.

After you received the player ID. Please follow the following procedure:

- a. Go to the website www.eurotouronline.eu
- b. Click at announcement (at the bottom of the site)
- c. Fill in your player ID and click at check player ID (your details will be filled in)
- d. Fill in your E-mail address
- e. Fill in your password
- f. Click at: yes I want to participate. My announcement is binding
- g. Click at submit

You will then receive two E-mails from us (1) telling that your announcement is processed and (2) the invoice for this event.

Upon the announcement, a confirmation will be sent to the player with the invoice for the entry fee to the tournament. There are 4 options to pay the entree fee:

1.2. Payment of entry fee

1.2.1. Single entry prior to the event:

- A. Payment of 100 €, must be received 1 week prior to the commencement of the event for U18 players. (This means that the player can be max. 18 years old at the date of the event). If the payment of the entry fee does arrive within 1 week of the accreditation, the player has to pay 25 € extra at the accreditation and will be treated as remaining spots.
- B. Payment of 100 €, must be received 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the event for Women players who want to participate at the Men Euro Tour events. If the payment of the entry fee does arrive within 1 week of the accreditation, the player has to pay 25 € extra at the accreditation and will be treated as remaining spots.
- C. Payment of €150.00, must be received 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament for all other players. If the payment of the entry fee does arrive within 1 week of the accreditation, the player has to pay 25 € extra at the accreditation and will be treated as remaining spots.

1.2.2 Remaining spots

Places that are remaining after the above 3 categories will be available on the day of the accreditation on a first come first serve basis with an extra charge of €25.00 on top of the amount of entry fee as mentioned in the categories under point 1.2.1. up to 17.00h.

The amount of available spots will be visible via our web site. Entry fees received after the event has started will be added with an extra charge of 50€ on top of the entry fee mentioned in the categories under point 1.2.1.

Where possible, the draw will be made prior to the tournament with players who have paid in the first 3 categories mentioned under point 1.2.1. able to see when they have to play.

Players mentioned under point 1.2.2. 3 will be drawn into the remaining blank spots on the accreditation day.

Changing of players or the selling of spots after payment is not permitted and any cancellations will be allocated to the accreditation day.

1.2.3 Cancellation of announcements

If a player announced himself for a Euro Tour event and paid the entry fee, it is allowed to cancel the participation without losing the entry fee. The cancellation will be accepted if the cancellation is sent in writing a minimum of one week before the accreditation start of the event to the tour manager.

The paid entree fee will then be forwarded to the next event or can be paid back to the player. Cancellations within one week of the accreditation start of the event, can only be accepted if the player is sick or has an accident or an accureness in that direction. All cancellations within a week of the accreditation start of the event needs a certifcation from a docter or police in order to make sure that the entry fee is not lost.

If all documents are provided in due time (max. 3 weeks after the cancellation) then the entry fee will be forwarded to the next event or paid back to the player.
In all other cases with exception of the above (1.3.) the entry fee will not be returned and therefore is lost.

IBPF reserve the right to issue or decline a refund.

If it turned out that a player announced himself for the event and did not pay the entry fee upfront because he decided to pay at the venue, and does not show up, the entry fee is still to be paid. The player in question will then be put on the so called „black list“ which means that the open amount entry fee first has to be paid before the player in question can enter a next Euro Tour event.

1.3 Participation eligibility

A player is eligible to participate as a representative of the nation for which they hold a valid passport. Players representing nations in which there is no National Federation can apply for a direct membership to the EPBF. The EPBF board need to be contacted with the request to become a direct member from the player.

Players must be a member of a National federation within the WPA structure. It is allowed to play one ET event per year without being a member. After the first event the player in question needs to become a member of the National Federation who is in turn a member of the WPA structure first or (if no EPBF member exist in the country of origin) become a direct member of EPBF.

1.4 Accreditation and players meeting

The players meeting will be held around 19.00h on the day of accreditation, it is advisable for all players to be present as the latest changes are announced. Players not attending the meeting do so at their own risk and should be aware of the rules and regulations regarding this tournament. The draw will be officially posted on the Euro Tour website and on the board at the venue after the player meeting.

1.5 System of the tournament

All Euro Tour stops are tournaments with a maximum of 256 players (unless announced different) and the tournament starts with double elimination. Single elimination starts from the last 32. The tournament is played with 32 seeded players, based on the Euro Tour ranking, which are seeded from numbers 1 to 32. Tournament flowcharts are separated in eight (8) groups of 32 players, from each group 4 players are qualified into the knock out stage.

The format of the Euro Tour can be changed by the tournament management.

1.6 Races

9-ball is the discipline played in 2016, and races are generally to 9. The tournament director has the right to amend the races before the tournament starts.

1.7 Prize money

The prize money break down for the 6 events in 2017 are as follows:

Total prize money is € 36.000.

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| Winner | : | (01) | € | 4.500,00 |
| Runner-up | : | (01) | € | 3.000,00 |
| 3rd | : | (02) | € | 1.750,00 |
| 5th | : | (04) | € | 1.250,00 |
| 9th | : | (08) | € | 1.000,00 |
| 17th | : | (16) | € | 500,00 |
| 33rd | : | (16) | € | 250,00 |

All prize money will be paid by bank. The players who should receive prize money at an event have to make sure that the administration receive the correct bank details of his bank account.

If the bank details are supplied, the prize money will be at the players account within max. 4 weeks after the event.

5% of the prize money will be deducted automatically as sanctioning fee for the National federation of the host country and the EPBF.

1.8 Ranking

By the 01.05.2017 the Euro Tour ranking will be changed back into the old version of the Euro Tour Ranking. More details about this change will be sent after the next EPBF board meeting in March 2017.

1.9 Referee's

The IPBF / EPBF will endeavour to have at least one (1) referee present at the venue for the duration of the event. The players are responsible for match scoring through the equipment supplied and are responsible for calling the referee when needed.

1.10 Time limit

In order to better control the schedule of an event, each match can be given a certain time limit. Should after 50% of the announced duration of a match, less than 50% of the race-to average has been scored, a shot clock can be implemented which is down to the TL discretion. After enforcing the shot clock the time for each shot is 35 seconds, with a warning after 25 seconds. Each player will be allowed one 25-second extension during each rack. The shot clock will be started when all balls come to rest, including spinning balls. The shot clock will end when the cue tip strikes the cue ball to initiate a stroke or the when player's time expires from the shot clock. If a player runs out of time, it will be a standard foul.

Shot clock will be forced from the beginning of the Semi Final and Final matches. This due to the fact that a TV production will be made of these matches.

1.11 No show

Players must be at the venue and ready to play their assigned match 30 minutes before the appointed match time (appointed match time is the time mentioned at each match on the flowchart). If a player is late for his appointed match time (which is 30 minutes before the time mentioned at the flowchart), he will have a maximum of twenty minutes to report to his assigned table ready to play or he will lose the match. If a player is not present and ready to play at the moment that the match is assigned and called to the table the following procedure is in force. 6 minutes late = 1 game to the opponent, 11 minutes = 2 games, 16 minutes = 3 games. When 20 minutes have elapsed the game is forfeited. Tournament officials are the only ones who have the power to implement this.

If a player is not present within 20 minutes following the official announcement of his/her match, this match will be forfeited. Should this happen in the winner's bracket of a double elimination system, he/she will be placed in the loser's bracket. Otherwise such player is disqualified. Should both players in one and the same match in the winner's bracket arrive too late, both of them will be disqualified since both of them cannot use the one and only existing spot in the loser's bracket.

1.12 Tapping of Tables

At the Eurotour, the tables are tapped. In 9-ball the position of the racked balls will be moved upwards so that the 9-ball is placed on the spot. Players must never tap the tables; only tournament officials should tap or re-tap the racking area if required.

1.13 Dress Code

Trousers:

These can be of any color but they must be Dress trousers. Trousers MUST NOT have studs/chains and no side pockets below the thigh of your leg and no Jeans material. Trousers must cover all of your backside and must fit around your waist and a belt should be worn, NO half trousers regardless of the design. Please see the links provided for clarity.

Trousers allowed (please look at following link)

Dress trousers =

<https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=studs+in+trousers&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=56CyUpP-HYKx0QWk8oHYDQ&ved=0CCoQsAQ&biw=1536&bih=747#q=dress+trousers+for+men&tbm=isch>

Trousers NOT allowed (please look at following link)

Trousers with studs and jeans material =

<https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=studs+in+trousers&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=56CyUpP-HYKx0QWk8oHYDQ&ved=0CCoQsAQ&biw=1536&bih=747>

Penalties for a Trouser dress code violation will be €20 per incident. The only exception to this rule are first time players.

Shirts:

Shirts can be of any design providing it has a collar, short sleeve or long sleeve and any color. Extra clothing if the area is cool can be worn on top of the shirt in the form of a jumper/sweater or a National Federation tracksuit top but none of these are permitted with a hood attached. (a hood on a jacket/jumper is something that covers your head) Shirts must be tucked inside your trousers and must be long enough that when stretching over the table, no body skin is visible.

Shoes:

Shoes can either be dress shoes or sports shoes. Dress shoes can be of any color and must be made of leather. Sports shoes must be of a Dark color and made of leather.

1.14 Time-Out Regulation

One (1) time-out for each player is allowed per match, the length of the time-out is five (5) minutes. The time out can be taken between racks no matter who's break it is,. The opponent must remain seated as in normal play, if he decides to use his time-out in the same time no further time out will be allowed.

The player taking the time out should remember that his actions must be within the spirit of the game and if he acts otherwise, he is subject to a penalty under the Unsportsmanlike Conduct. Reasons for an imposed penalty are: taking time out other than in between the racks, smoking or drinking alcohol during the time-out and late return after a time-out.

Penalties for such violations are; a game/frame (current and/or next) is awarded to the opponent. Should a player violate this rule a second time, the player will be disqualified from the discipline and/or event.

1.15 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

The rules and regulations give the referee and other officials considerable latitude in penalizing unsportsmanlike conduct. Several factors should be considered in such decisions, including previous conduct, previous warnings, how serious the offense is, and information that the players may have been given at the players meeting at the start of the tournament.

1.16 Additional rules

EPBF / IBPF have the option to make necessary additional regulations prior to each event. Additional changes must be announced with the invitation and or at the players meeting.

1.17 Three point rule (only for 9-Ball)

In order to avoid that players are using the so-called "soft-breaks" that would allow increased control over breaks and allow advantages beyond what was foreseen when the 9-Ball discipline was

introduced, the EPBF has decided to introduce special break rules. The following rules are to be seen as an addition to the WPA 9-Ball rules that otherwise are valid in all EPBF events:

Additional demands for a satisfactory break:

At least three (3) object balls must either be pocketed or touch (see special notes below) the head string as a result of a break in order for it to be satisfactory. Any combination of the above (i.e. 1 object ball pocketed and 2 object balls touching the head string, or 2 object balls pocketed and 1 object ball touching the head string) is also satisfactory.

Failure to meet additional conditions:

If a player fails to fulfil the additional demands, but is otherwise performing a legal break, the break is considered non-satisfactory and the following rules are to be followed:

1. If the 9-ball has been pocketed it shall be re-spotted before play is continued.
2. The opponent may choose either to accept the table as it is, or hand it back to the player that performed the break.
3. In case the opponent accepts the table as it is, he/she will not be allowed to perform a push-out.
4. If the table is handed back to the player that performed the break, he/she is allowed to perform a push-out. If a push-out is being played the opponent has the option to accept the table as it is, or again hand the table back.

Special notes:

- A. The WPA rules for 9-Ball are to be considered at all times, and the special 9-Ball break rules as described in the above are additions to these rules, valid for a tournament only when introduced beforehand.
- B. Whenever a break is legal according to the WPA rules, and the above additional demands for a satisfactory break (if in use) has been met, the player on the table is allowed to perform a push-out.
- C. In order to meet the additional demands for a satisfactory break, object ball(s) do not have to cross the head string completely. It is enough if any part of an object ball, as seen from above, is breaking the head string.
- D. If an object ball crosses the head string and returns into a pocket, it is only counted as 1 ball achieving the required rule, not 2.

1.18 Players Table;

Each player has the responsibility to remove anything that they brought to the table, including the likes of talcum powder, drinks, paper, etc. Rubbish bins will be provided close to the tables and the player must remove their own rubbish & leave their table as they received it. Talcum powder must be placed on a mat or cloth and removed along with all other items brought to the table.

1.19 Logo's

Players are permitted to wear a total of five (5) sponsors on their outfit. Logo's must not be bigger than 100mm x 50 mm or circle diameter is 100mm, and must not be in direct conflict with the tour sponsors.

At the request of the promoter, players may be required to wear the logo of the main sponsor in the Semi finals and final.

Players are required to give notice of the sponsors that they represent before the tournament series begins and any updates such as new or cancellations during the series.

Failure to notify these may result in the refusal of such permission. IBPF reserve the right to refuse any such logo's that may be offensive or in direct conflict with the tour sponsors.

1.20 Sanctioned tournaments

The Euro Tour series belongs to the European Pocket Billiard Federation and is a Sanctioned event. In the event of a collision of Non- or Sanctioned tournaments, the player agrees that priority is given to the Euro Tour series. Participation at any Non-Sanctioned event is prohibited and participation at non sanctioned events or events that collide with the Euro Tour events can have consequences like refusal for the rest of the Euro Tour events during the upcoming year(s).

1.21 Hotels and Accommodation

Bookings and hotel obligations will be available prior to the event with the invitation. Hotels provided by the organiser must be used (where applicable) otherwise entry to the tournament is invalid. For more information about the obligation to stay in the offered hotel, each player can find at the event invitations. **A player is required to stay a minimum of 2 nights in the players hotel with the first night being the Accreditation day.**

1.22 Media and TV:

All consents under the Performers' Rights Protection Acts 1958 to 1972 or under similar legislation in other countries of the world in connection with the Performance of the Player in the Series and the exploitation of the Player's performance in the Series by any means and in all media including (but not by way of limitation) all forms of theatrical exhibition, television broadcast, internet and video exploitation are hereby granted and assigned by the Player to the Promoter.

The Player acknowledges to the Promoter that the entire copyright throughout the world in any film and/or video or other recordings of the Player taken or made during the Eurotour Series shall belong to the Promoter absolutely.

The Player warrants to the Promoter that he/she is able to assign all such rights and give such acknowledgments as written above.

The Player agrees to carry out any reasonable request by the Promoter on match days to assist in hospitality or promotion for the benefit of the Series sponsors.

The player acknowledges that by agreeing to participate in the Euro Tour Series that any rights of recovery he may have against the promoter for personal injury or damage to property whilst participating in the Series are waived.

The promoter and sponsors cannot be held responsible for any articles of value left anywhere in the venue at any time.

Players bringing the event, sponsors or officials, including the venue into disrepute through media or public forums will be subject to the rules and regulations laid down by the EPBF. Responsible explanations of legitimate and unsatisfying conditions are not forbidden. Sports regulations and the code of conduct can be found on www.epbf.com.

1.23 Program 2017:

The following dates and venues are clear for 2017:

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| 23.02. – 25.02. | 2017 | Treviso | / | Italy | (9-Ball) |
| 30.03. – 01.04. | 2017 | Albufeira | / | Portugal | (9-Ball) |
| 18.05. – 20.05. | 2017 | Sankt Johann I.P. | / | Austria | (9-Ball) |
| 10.08. – 12.08 | 2017 | Leende | / | Netherlands | (9-Ball) |
| 05.10. – 07.10. | 2017 | TBA | / | TBA | (9-Ball)* |
| 16.11. – 18.11. | 2011 | Treviso | / | Italy | (9-Ball) |

* TBA = To be announced

1.23 Final clause:

The tournament management have always the right to change the rules, written in this document, having in mind that this change is for the betterment of the Euro Tour. Changes will be made in consultation of the EPBF Sports director but the final decision will be done by the tour management.

6. Participation eligibility

An athlete is eligible to participate as a representative of the nation for which they hold a valid passport. Athletes representing nations in which there is no National Federation can apply for a direct membership to the EPBF. The EPBF board need to be contacted with the request to become a direct member.

7. Accreditation and the Players meeting

All athletes are obligated to check at the accreditation desk and participate in the Players meeting. The draw will be officially posted on the WET website and on the board at the venue after the Players meeting.

8. System of the tournament series

All Women Euro Tour stops are tournaments with a maximum of 128 athletes and the tournament starts with double elimination.

Depending on the number of participants, single elimination starts from:

- Up to 32 athletes – single knock-out stage starts from – quarterfinals
- Up to 64 athletes – single knock-out stage starts from – last 16
- Up to 128 athletes – single knock-out stage starts from – last 32

The tournament is played with 8 seeded athletes, based on the WET ranking, which are seeded from numbers 1 to 8. The format of the WET can be changed by the tournament management.

9. Races

Women Euro Tour is a 9-ball event with the race to 7.

The tournament director has the right to amend the races before the tournament starts.

10. Prize money

The prize money break down will be determined and announced prior each event, depending on the organisers. On top of this prize money the EPBF will add minimum of 1500 €

Open events that are qualified for European Women Ranking system (maximum of 2 events per sports season) will receive in total 4.000 €, or 2.000 € per event. In case where the organiser has a qualified EPBF officials (Tournament leader and referee) the entire given amount must go on top of the announced prize money. In case where EPBF needs to send officials to the event, 1.500 € will be added to the prize money and other thousand will be used for travel costs for officials.

Payment of the prize money will be possible in two different options. Open event Organisers may chose to give prize money via bank or in cash, while EPBF ET events will always pay out prize money via bank.

By bank - the athletes who should receive prize money by bank have to make sure that the administration receive the correct bank details of his bank account. If the bank details are supplied, the prize money will be at the athletes account within 3 weeks after the event.

In cash at the tournament desk

5% of the prize money will be deducted automatically as sanctioning fee for EPBF.

11. Ranking

The Women European Ranking for 2017 is as follows:

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| Place won | 32-128 |
| 1 | 550 |
| 2 | 480 |
| 3-4 | 420 |
| 5-8 | 370 |
| 9-12 | 330 |
| 13-16 | 315 |
| 17-24 | 300 |
| 25-32 | 275 |
| 33-48 | 235 |
| 49-64 | 230 |
| 65-80 | 200 |
| 81-96 | 180 |
| 97-128 | 160 |

After each WET stop the new ranking list will be updated on the WET website. From the last 6 tour stops, up to 5 results will be used to form the rankings.

12 Tournament leader

The IPBF/EPBF will have one official tournament leader present at the venue for the duration of the event. The athletes are responsible for match scoring through the equipment supplied and are responsible for calling the referee when needed.

13. Time limit

In order to better control the schedule of an event, each match can be given a certain time limit. Should after 50% of the announced duration of a match, less than 50% of the race-to average has been scored, a shot clock can be implemented which is down to the TL discretion. After enforcing the shot clock the time for each shot is 35 seconds, with a warning after 25 seconds. Each athlete will be allowed one 25-second extension during each rack. The shot clock will be started when all balls come to rest, including spinning balls. The shot clock will end when the cue tip strikes the cue ball to initiate a stroke or the when athlete's time expires from the shot clock. If an athlete runs out of time, it will be a standard foul.

14. No show

Athletes must be at the table and ready to play their assigned match at the appointed match time. If a athlete is late for his appointed match time, he will have fifteen minutes to report to his assigned table ready to play or he will lose the match. If a athlete is not present and ready to play at the given time the following procedure is in force. 1 minute late = 1 game to the oponent, 6 minutes = 2 games, 11 minutes = 3 games. When 15 minutes have elapsed the game is forfeited. Tournament officials are the only ones who have the power to implement this. If a athlete is not present within 15 minutes following the official announcement of his/her match, this match will be forfeited. Should this happen in the winner's bracket of a double elimination system, he/she will be placed in the loser's bracket. Otherwise such athlete is disqualified. Should both athletes in one and the same match in the winner's bracket arrive too late, both of them will be disqualified since both of them cannot use the one and only existing spot in the loser's bracket.

15. Tapping of Tables

At the Eurotour for the racking, the it is allowed to use: triangles, tapping template or rack template. In 9-ball the position of the racked balls will be moved upwards so that the 9-ball is placed on the spot. Athletes must never tap balls; only tournament officials should tap or re-tap (if needed) the racking area.

16. Magic Ball Rack Regulations

16.1. Magic Ball Rack Usage

The Magic Ball Rack can be used for the disciplines: 8-ball, 9-ball and 10-ball. In 14/1 it's not allowed to use the Magic Ball Rack.

16.2. Positioning of the Magic Ball Rack

The table must be marked before the tournament has started. A Vertical line must be drawn for the positioning of the Magic ball rack. This line must be long enough to pass through the top and bottom holes on the magic ball rack.

16.3. Removing of the Magic Ball Rack

After the break, the Magic Ball Rack must be removed by the referee from the table as soon as possible without disturbing any of the balls. If a referee is not present and there are balls obstructing the removal of the Magic ball rack, the opponent must be the one to remove the Magic Ball Rack. If there are no obstructions, the player at the table may remove the magic ball rack without the opponent interfering.

With or without a referee present, the magic ball rack can only be removed if not more than 2 balls are an obstruction in its removal. Exception to this rule applies if 1 or more balls are frozen and obstructing the removal, in this case the magic ball rack stays in place untill such time that the frozen balls are no longer an obstical in the removal of the magic ball rack.

With the removal of the magic ball rack, the referee or opponent may use markers in the form of ball markers or chalk blocks which are at their disposal to mark the obstructing balls. The Magic ball rack

must be placed in its required spot away from the playing area including the rails and the balls placed back into their original position.

16.4. Fouls involving the Magic Ball Rack

Once the Magic ball rack is removed from the playing surface, it can not interfere with the game i.e. It will be considered a foul shot if the template is lying on the rail and a ball (Cue or object ball touches the template that is lying on the rail)

17. Dress Code

All athletes must be dressed according to the EPBF Dress Code.

18. Time-Out Regulation

One (1) time-out for each athlete is allowed per match, the length of the time-out is five (5) minutes. The time out can be taken between racks no matter who's break it is,. The opponent must remain seated as in normal play, if he decides to use his time-out in the same time no further time out will be allowed.

The athlete taking the time out should remember that his actions must be within the spirit of the game and if he acts otherwise, he is subject to a penalty under the Unsportsmanlike Conduct. Reasons for an imposed penalty are: taking time out other than in between the racks, smoking or drinking alcohol during the time-out and lat return after a time-out.

Penalties for such violations are; a game/frame (current and/or next) is awarded to the opponent. Should a athlete violate this rule a second time, the athlete will be disqualified from the discipline and/or event.

19. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

The rules and regulations give the referee and other officials considerable latitude in penalizing unsportsmanlike conduct. Several factors should be considered in such decisions, including previous conduct, previous warnings, how serious the offense is, and information that the athletes may have been given at the athletes meeting at the start of the tournament.

20. Additional rules

EPBF / IBPF have the option to make necessary additional regulations prior to each event. Additional changes must be announced with the invitation and or at the athletes meeting..

21. Three point rule (only for 9-Ball)

In order to avoid that athletes are using the so-called "soft-breaks" that would allow increased control over breaks and allow advantages beyond what was foreseen when the 9-Ball discipline was introduced, the EPBF has decided to introduce special break rules. The following rules are to be seen as an addition to the WPA 9-Ball rules that otherwise are valid in all EPBF events. The three point rule is explained in detail in the EPBF Sports Regulations.

22. Logo's

Athletes are permitted to wear a total of five (5) sponsors on their outfit. Logo's must not be bigger than 100mm x 50 mm or circle diameter is 100mm, and must not be in direct conflict with the tour sponsors.

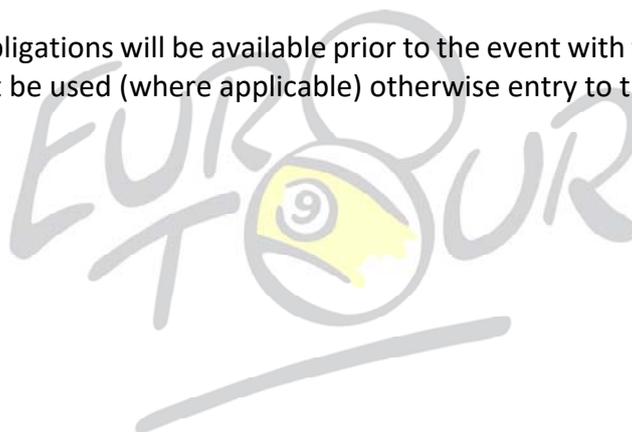
At the request of the promoter, athletes may be required to wear the logo of the main sponsor in the Semi finals and final. Athletes are required to give notice of the sponsors that they represent before the tournament series begins and any updates such as new or cancellations during the series. Failure to notify these may result in the refusal of such permission. IBPF reserve the right to refuse any such logo's that may be offensive or in direct conflict with the tour sponsors.

23. Sanctioned tournaments

The WET series belongs to the EPBF and is a Sanctioned event. In the event of a collision of Sanctioned tournaments, the athlete agrees that priority is given to the WET series. Participation at any Non-Sanctioned event is prohibited.

24. Hotels and Accommodation

Bookings and hotel obligations will be available prior to the event with the invitation. Hotels provided by the organiser must be used (where applicable) otherwise entry to the tournament is invalid.



25. Media and TV:

All consents under the Performers' Rights Protection Acts 1958 to 1972 or under similar legislation in other countries of the world in connection with the Performance of the Athlete in the Series and the exploitation of the Athlete's performance in the Series by any means and in all media including (but not by way of limitation) all forms of theatrical exhibition, television broadcast, internet and video exploitation are hereby granted and assigned by the Athlete to the Promoter. The Athlete acknowledges to the Promoter that the entire copyright throughout the world in any film and/or video or other recordings of the Athlete taken or made during the WETr Series shall belong to the Promoter absolutely. The Athlete warrants to the Promoter that he/she is able to assign all such rights and give such acknowledgments as written above. The Athlete agrees to carry out any reasonable request by the Promoter on match days to assist in hospitality or promotion for the benefit of the Series sponsors.

The athlete acknowledges that by agreeing to participate in the WET Series that any rights of recovery he may have against the promoter for personal injury or damage to property whilst participating in the Series are waived. The promoter and sponsors cannot be held responsible for any articles of value left anywhere in the venue at any time. Athletes bringing the event, sponsors or officials, including the venue into disrepute through media or public forums will be subject to the rules and regulations laid down by the EPBF. Responsible explanations of legitimate and unsatisfying conditions are not forbidden. Sports regulations and the code of conduct can be found on www.epbf.com.

26. Final clause:

The tournament management have always the right to change the rules, written in this document, having in mind that this change is for the betterment of the Euro Tour. Changes will be made in consultation of the EPBF Sports director but the final decision will be done by the tour management.