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1. General information

These regulations are made to clear out how terms and conditions for organising and participating in the Women Euro Tour event series. The Women Euro Tour is an International tour which consists of up to six (6) stops in 2017. The Women Euro Tour is organized by the EPBF (European Pocket Billiard Federation) and local organisers.

2. Classification

Women Euro Tour consists of up to two (2) open events organised in co-operation with the EPBF and up to five (5) Euro Tours organised by the EPBF in order to create unique European ranking system for women athletes. These event organisers accepted terms and conditions made by the EPBF. This ranking system will be governing ranking for qualification for all events organised by the WPA (World Pool Association).

3. Announcements

When possible two (2) months ahead of the Women Euro Tour (WET) the EPBF will upload the announcement form on the WET website with the date for announcement deadline.

Before an athlete can announce for an event, she needs to register first at the WET website. This registration procedure have to be done only once.

After the registration procedure is finished the athlete can announce for a WET event. This announcement procedure have to be followed by those athletes who want to announce per event. The athletes who did announce for the whole season don't have to announce separately.

4. Entry Fee payment

4.1. Payment of entry fee by bank transfer

Payment of 50 €, must be received 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the event. Confirmation of payment will be given, any late payments will be returned with any costs belonging to the sender.

4.2. Payment of entry fee at the accreditation

Payment of 50 €, must be received before Players meeting takes place, any late payments will have additional 25 € penalty on top of the original fee.

5. Cancellation of announcements

If an athlete announced herself for a WET 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 by writing minimum one week before the accreditation start of the event to the tour manager. The paid entry fee will then be forwarded to the next event or can be paid back to the athlete. Cancellations within one week of the accreditation start of the event, can only be accepted if the athlete is sick or has an accident or an ailment in that direction. All cancellations within a week of the accreditation start of the event need a certification from a doctor or police in order to make sure that the entry fee is not lost.

If all documents are provided in the date then the entry fee will be forwarded to the next event. In all other cases with exception of the above the entry fee will not be returned and therefore is lost. IBPF reserves the right to issue or decline a refund. If it turned out that an athlete announced himself for the event and did not pay the entry fee upfront because he decided to pay at the venue, and did not show up, the entry fee is still to pay. The athlete in question will then be put on the so called „black list“ which means that the open entry fee first has to be paid before the athlete in question can enter a next WET event.

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 needs 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 cahs, 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 until such time that the frozen balls are no longer an obstacle 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 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 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.