

RULES

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - 3-CUSHIONS Ladies

A. Organization:

This championship will be organized every 2 years (on even years 2004 – 2006, etc)

B. Participants:

1- This World Championship is strictly reserved to women players.

2- Invited players: 16 Players.

- 1 Current World Champion
- 7 Participants from C.E.B. Region Europe
- 4 Participants from C.P.B. Region America
- 3 Participants from A.C.B.C. Region Asia
- 1 Wild-Card for the organizing Federation

In case of not fulfilling all these places after closing the inscriptions, players of the organizer's Confederation will be invited to participate.

C. Playing System:

1- **Groups:** The competition will start with 4 groups of 4 participants.

Composition of the groups:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
CUR. W.CH.	CEB 1	CPB 1	ACBC 1
CEB 2	ACBC 2	CEB 3	CPB 2
ACBC 3	CPB 3	CEB 4	CEB 5
CPB 4	CEB 6	WC FED	CEB 7

The confederations have to indicate the classification (general average) of their players together with the inscription confirmation.

In groups of four participants the playing schedule will be:

1. 1-4 and 2-3
2. Loser 1-4 against Winner 2-3 and
Winner 1-4 against Loser 2-3
3. Remaining Matches

In case of a no-show, the opponent player will receive two match points

In case of insufficient inscriptions, the playing-schedule will be set in groups of three participants, as follows:

1. 2-3
2. 1-loser 2-3
3. 1-Winner 2-3

In case of a no-show in one or more groups, (the other participants in these groups will compete with each other twice).

The matches within a group are to be played at the same time.

When playing on four tables, the groups A and B will play at the same time, as well as the groups C and D.

When playing on two tables, the matches within a group will play at the same time on both tables. The playing order of the groups is to be decided by the organization in accordance with the UMB technical delegate.

2- Matches:

Within the groups, the matches are to be played in accordance with the system **best of three sets of 12 points**, with the number of set innings limited to **25**, with equalizing inning.

3- The Classification list:

will be established as follows:

- match points
- difference in set points (Set balance)
- average
- highest run

4- The Final Tournament consist of

¼ Final -- ½ Final -- Final (there is no match for 3rd – 4th place)

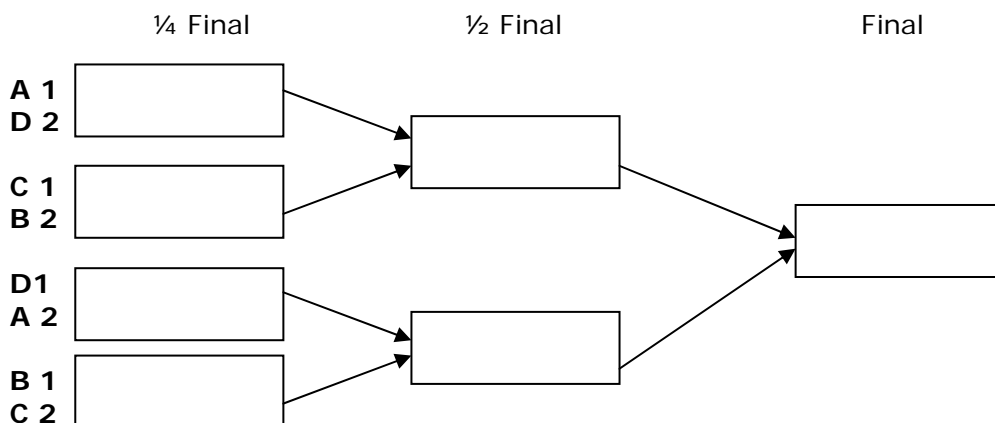
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The best-classified two players per group qualify for the final tournament, according to the classification list.

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In the final tournament, matches are to be played in accordance with the K.O. system: **best of five sets of 12 points without limitation of number of innings.**



The Final Results Table: will be establish as follows and have to include all players.

- match points
- difference in set points
- general average
- highest run

E. General information:

1- Equality in the final set

Should, during the final set the first player end the match in the first inning, the other player has the right to equalize. Should also he end the match in the first inning, both players will receive 2 match points. However, at that moment it will be necessary to shoot penalties, one inning after the other.

2- Clothes of the players

According to the published UMB specific rules

3- Sponsoring

According to the published UMB specific rules.

4- Check on the clothes

The check on the clothes will take place before the openings ceremony by the delegate of the UMB. Disrespect of the above-mentioned clothing and sponsoring rules may have consequently an exclusion of the player(s).

5- Opening ceremony

All players have to be present during the opening ceremony. A disrespect of this rule may have consequently an exclusion of the player(s).

6- Prize –Money

The organizers are free to provide prize-money or other gifts.

7- Financial Regulations

- Player's participation fee, excluding the current world champion: **100.00 Euro**
- Obligations of the organizer:
 - Allowances to be paid to the players or to the Federal delegate if the player is underage:

Federal players:	150 Euro per tournament day.
Confederal players:	+ 1 day allowance
Inter-confederal players:	+ 2 days allowance
 - UMB organization fee to be paid over the Confederation: **1000.00 Euro**
 - Travel expenses according to the UMB reimbursement rules and hotel accommodation including breakfast for the UMB delegate.
 - Travel expenses for the current World Champion with a maximum of:
 - 500 Euro for Continental player
 - 770 Euro for Inter Continental player

8- Exeptions

In all unforeseen cases, the UMB delegate, eventually in accordance with the organizer, decides.

The present rules are established by the UMB committee and are applicable starting April 1st, 2008.