

## **Rules World Cup Three Cushion of the UMB and the affiliated Confederations (editon January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012)**

### **PREAMBLE**

These rules have been drawn up on the basis of the statutes and rules of the UMB and the resolutions of their bodies. They have generally binding validity and are to be observed in order to promote and to secure the World cups. These rules are an appendix of the sports rules of the UMB and are settling the exceptional features for the World Cup Three Cushion and are in extracts referring to generally binding regulations without claiming that those are complete. All organizers and players are supposed to know and to accept these rules.

#### **1. Appeal to organize the Three Cushion World Cup tournaments**

The UMB invites the confederations and federations to organize one or several World Cup tournaments on the following basis.

At the end of every calendar year (1/1-31/12), and on the condition there have been organized at least four World cups, the player who obtained the highest total of points from the World Cups organized during the year and on the condition that he took part on each Worldcup of that year, will be declared as winner of this year-circuit. A cup and an extra-prize of 2.500 € will be attributed to the winner.

#### **2. Organizer and name of the tournament**

According to the region in which the World Cup tournament will be held, it will be named UMB/CEB World Cup/Grand-Prix or UMB/CPB or UMB/ACBC World Cup (or with an equivalent Confederal supplement). Eventually, this name can be followed by the commercial name of the major sponsor.

The organizer must send all basic information (Hotel information, number of tables, maximum registrations, etc...) to the UMB not less than two months before the start of the tournament.

The invitation including this basic information will be send out by UMB at least 45 days before the start of the World Cup.

#### **3. Prerequisite for the participation**

All tournaments are open tournaments at which all members of the UMB and all Confederal members are allowed to participate on condition that they are not suspended by those or by their national federations and that they have been inscribed within the period stipulated.

#### 4. UMB recognized tournaments

Only those tournaments that are mentioned on the official sports-calendar of UMB are to be considered as recognized tournaments. World cups are by definition recognized tournaments.

It is allowed to a Confederation to organise one international open non Worldcup-tournament a year. The rules concerning such a tournament are stipulated in a separate document.

A player who is participating into a non recognized open tournament will immediately be penalised on the World Players Ranking-list and on the World Cup Ranking with 8 points.

#### 5. Media rights

The Internet media rights, originally belonging to UMB are given to Kozoom who will broadcast or have a third party broadcast, this competition on the Internet and this without geographical limitation. The rights and duties for this are conducted by the contract between UMB and Kozoom.

The organizer engage himself to accept Kozoom as the delivering production company of the signal. In the special case where the TV production is made by another company than Kozoom, Kozoom will adapt to the special needs of the TV production company by withdrawing its camera's to make way for the other team. In that case the TV company assigned or contracted by the organizer (must provide without any cost a "clean" signal to the Kozoom control center installed on-site to enable to ensure its broadcasting by Internet. In the case of a permanent or partial interruption of this signal delivered to Kozoom, UMB will charge the organizing federation for the Kozoom team expenses – hotel, meals and transportation , plus a fixed amount of 2.500 € In case of a partial interruption, the charges and penalty will be applied in a proportional way. It is not allowed for another broadcasting company to show live-streaming images of the competition on Internet unless preceding agreement with Kozoom. Kozoom commits itself to use its best efforts to ensure that the Internet-agreement with UMB will not affect any other action that might occur between UMB or its organizers and a television channel.

The Television rights are owned by UMB, who is free to market and/or lease these rights regardless of other parties.

- The right for direct national broadcasting of the World Cup competition or parts of it are automatically given to the organizing federation who can transfer these rights to the local organizer; in this case a copy of such agreement must be preliminary transferred to UMB for approval.
- The rights for direct international broadcasting of the World Cup competition or parts of it must be subject to a preliminary agreement between UMB and the organizing federation and/or local organizer;
- In both cases the broadcasting company can make use for free of the Kozoom production and signal;
- The making available of images produced by a broadcasting Company in order to be used for non-live broadcasting of the World Cup competition or parts of it are subject to an agreement between the requesting company, UMB and the organizer of the World Cup;
- The making available of images produced by Kozoom in order to be used for non-live broadcasting of the World Cup competition or parts of it are subject to an agreement between the requesting company and UMB/Kozoom.

6. Images rights

Within the frame of the World Cup competition the players are ceding the “rights of images” of their person and agree that images of their person are used for any media-application within the limits normally accepted in the international sports world. In case that these images would be used for commercial advertising, additional rights must be applied and need the approval by UMB.

7. Main tournament, distances and places

The main tournament will be played with 32 sportsmen/women in a direct KO system, best of five, with sets of 15 points, and without an equal number of innings. There will not be any match for the third and fourth place. There will be two third places.

8. Beginning of the match

The beginning of the match will be determined by the lag. The winner of the lag is deciding who is starting the match. The sportsman/woman who is starting the match is also starting the third and fifth set, the opponent is starting the second and fourth set. The sportsman/woman, who is starting the match, is playing during the match with the pure white ball. In addition to that, the match will be held according to the general rules of the UMB and the special rule of the game for the discipline three cushions.

9. Interruption breaks during the match

In a match best of five there can only be a break at a score of 2-0 or 1-1 and at a score of 2-2. In a match best of three there can only be a break at a score of 1-1. The break should not last longer than 5 minutes. For external reasons, for example, in the case that the match will be broadcasted on television, there can be an exception with regard to this rule and in joint consultation with the delegate of the UMB and the Confederal delegate, the organizer can decide about more and/or longer breaks. In exceptional cases a medically necessary break of a maximum of five minutes can be allowed by authorization of the referee.

10. Entry fees for sportsmen/women and qualification round

The entry fee for a qualification tournament amounts to a maximum of 100.00 Euro per sportsman/woman. The organizer is entitled to this entry fee. The entry fee has to be paid to the organizer in cash before the participation in the tournament.

In case of a no-show by a player for his first match during the qualification-round, or the cancellation of his participation after the deadline, he will be fined 100 € Unless he pays this fine before the start of the competition to which he inscribes again to the UMB-account (with written proof at the accreditation) or to the UMB Delegate or UMB Technical Responsible, he will not be entitled to participate in any other recognized international UMB tournament.

Above this fine and in case of an absence without valid reason, the player will be penalised with 8 points on the World Players Ranking and in the World Cup Ranking. As a consequence a player could have negative points in the World Players Ranking and World Cup Ranking.

Number of qualification rounds will be decided according to the number of registered participants; in case of the absence of a player in a group before the start of a qualification round, the following rules will be applied for this group:

1. For the first qualification round, the No-Show player(s) will be replaced by (the) player(s) from the reserve list who is/are present. In case no player from the reserve list is present, the organizer has the right to replace the No-show player(s) by local player(s).
2. Starting from second qualification round, the best non-qualified player of the previous round will replace the absent player.

The winners of the different qualification-rounds will be placed in the groups of the next round following a “Z”-system.

#### 11. Invitation and registration

- Organizers have to provide the UMB Technical Responsible with all required information minimum 10 weeks before the World Cup date.
- Invitation will be published on UMB Website 8 weeks before World Cup date – from the moment the invitation is published, players and/or federations can make a registration for qualification tournament on basis of “first come first serve”.
- The last updated World Ranking before publishing a World Cup invitation is the one applied for this World Cup.
- Deadline for qualification tournament registration 5 weeks from publishing the invitation.
- 52 Places for qualification tournament will be reserved only for 3 days from publishing the invitation for players ranked from 13 to 64 on the World Ranking applied for the World Cup – After the 3 days the free places are open for all players till the qualification tournament deadline.
- The organizer has the right to reserve maximum 20% of the qualification tournament for players of his federation – in this case only players of his federation ranked up to 64 on the World Ranking applied for the World Cup can register direct to the qualification tournament.
- Wild Cards must be nominated within maximum 4 weeks from publishing the invitation.
- Seeded players participation is automatically confirmed unless:
  - Seeded player excuses himself for not participating within maximum 2 weeks from publishing the invitation.
  - Seeded player is suspended by his federation and UMB is officially informed.
- If a federation imposes a preliminary agreement for the participation of his players in World Cups, this federation has to inform UMB Technical Responsible beforehand and in this case the measure is valid for all of the federation’s players except seeded players – A registered player can be taken out of the tournament by his federation only in case of being suspended by the federation and UMB is officially informed about his suspension.
- One week before publishing the invitation the date & hour will be announced on UMB home page.

## 12. Tournament clothing

While staying in the tournament hall and in the associated area of the same, as well as on official occasions (press conferences/receptions/banquets etc.) the sportsmen/women shall wear appropriate, elegant clothes. At the opening, at the presentation ceremony and while staying in the sports arena the following tournament clothing is valid:

Black shoes, black trousers, black socks, smoking plain shirt or blouse with long sleeves, vest and bow tie.

For sportswomen the same rules are applicable with the following exceptions: long-sleeved one-coloured shirt or one-coloured blouse which is closed at the neck. Waistcoat and bow-tie are not compulsory.

The wearing of Jeans and/or Cord-clothing is not allowed.

The final decision concerning the acceptance of the clothing will be of the responsibility of the UMB delegate.

## 13. Advertising

All sportsmen/women are allowed to wear advertisements "on person", including the emblem of the club and/or the national emblem. The last-named have to be worn in any case on the left chest-side of the vest. In this case no publicity can be worn on this spot.

Advertisements can be worn on the left and right chest-side of the vest, on the left and right upper arm of the shirt and on the collar of the shirt or blouse. It is not allowed to wear two advertisements for the same sponsor.

Each of these advertisement-spots is allowed to have a total size of maximum 80 square centimetres; it is allowed to wear more than one advertisement on each of these spots on the condition that the total of the surface runs not over 80 square centimetres.

One upper arm of the shirt is reserved for the advertisement "on person" of the organizer; this advertisement should not concern any billiard material. If the organizer is not making use of this right the sportsman/woman will be allowed to make use of this free spot.-The name of the player or of his/her country/federation can be put on the backside of his/her shirt, vest or blouse.

Advertisement with political, racial, ethnical and/or religious tendencies are strictly forbidden. All advertisement must be decent and appropriate.

Local regulations about any prohibited subjects as tobacco, alcohol and others have to be respected.

It is allowed to the referees to wear, in an adequate way, advertisements of the organizer (not over 80 square cm). All referees must wear the same advertisement on the same place.

Contracts of Sportsmen/women and/or the federation/organizer on one side and the sponsor(s) on the other side cannot oblige UMB and consequences which they could have, cannot be reflected on the UMB.

## 14 Ranking Points

1 <sup>st</sup>	80 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	54 Points
3 – 4	38 Points
5 – 8	26 Points
9 – 16	16 Points
17 – 32	8 Points

QUAL	5 Points
P-QUAL	4 Points
PP-QUAL	3 Points
PPP-QUAL	2 Points

Every participant in qualification rounds will get only the points of the last round he played.

#### 15 Paying out of the prize money

The paying out of the prize money is effected at the place of the tournament in Euro or in US dollar in cash. In case the payment is done in US dollar it has to be effected according to the official rate of exchange at the day on which the tournament is starting.

The paying out of the prize money to the eliminated sportsmen/women has to be effected by the organizer immediately after the end of each respective round. The four sportsmen/women placed first receive the price money after the presentation/ final ceremony.

On the spot the organizer is liable for the correct paying out of the prize money and with respect to the UMB the national federation, to which the organization had been transferred, is liable, as far as nothing different has been agreed upon with the UMB.

#### 16 Prize money – liability to pay tax – legal responsibility of the UMB and the confederation – receipt

1.	Place	5.500 x 1	=	5.500 Euro
2.	Place	3.500 x 1	=	3.500 Euro
3. + 3.	Place	2.200 x 2	=	4.400 Euro
5. – 8.	Place	1.300 x 4	=	5.200 Euro
9. – 16.	Place	850 x 8	=	6.800 Euro
17. – 32.	Place	600 x 16	=	9.600 Euro
<u>Total</u>				<u>35.000 Euro NET</u>

The prize money has to be paid net to the sportsmen/women. In addition to that, taxes which are possibly arising in the country of the organizer have to be paid by the organizer at his expense for all foreign sportsmen/women.

With regard to taxes which the sportsman/woman has to pay from the prize money in his/her native country (the country in which they are liable to pay tax), he/she is personally liable. Third persons are expressly exempted from such liability.

The UMB and the responsible confederation are transferring the event to the responsible national federation after corresponding application of the same through its responsible confederation.

With respect to the UMB and the confederation the organizing federation is having the responsibility to keep these rules and to keep further generally binding statutes and rules. It is solely within the discretion of the organizing federation to complete contracts with the organizer and/or sponsors which are making an internal, different arrangement. The liability with respect to the sportsmen/women, the UMB and the confederation can, however, not be excluded in them.

The UMB and the confederation are taking on no liability of any kind, except that something else has been arranged with them in writing. Both are as promoters only the ideal representatives and they have no influence at all on the economic carrying out and are not participating in the economic result, either.

On request of the organizer the recipients of prize money have to confirm that they have received the prize money by a receipt which is informing about their complete address and if need be also about their passport number etc. From the receipt has to follow that the prize money has been paid net, free from tax of the country of the organizer and it is also allowed that one is recording on the receipt that the recipient is liable for taxes in the country of his/her own liability to pay tax (in most cases the native country).

#### **17 Travelling allowances**

The organizer has to pay at the tournament the following flat travelling allowances to seeded and wildcard players except the organizer's 2 wildcard players for which the organizer decides autonomously about such allowance :

Players from the Organizing Confederation	€350.-
Players from the Non-Organizing Confederations	€850.-

#### **18 Tournament application – organization fee – entry in calendar**

The application for a tournament shall take place in good time at least before the drawing up of the international calendar for the following sporting season, in order that the date can be taken into consideration in this one.

The application has to be effected by the responsible national federation through the confederal federation at the UMB. The authorization of the national federation takes place on the reversed way.

The fee for the UMB and the confederation for a World Cup tournament are fixed at 1000 Euro each at the moment.

With the tournament authorization by the responsible confederation the applying national Federation receives the invoice for the before-mentioned takeover fee from the responsible confederation. This invoice contains a reference to the latest date for payment. In any case the total fee has to be paid to the organizing Confederation at last three months after the date the World Cup has been put on the official sports calendar. This is valid for those World Cups that have been put on the calendar for the actual and upcoming season. For all other World Cups the total fee will be paid on the start of the concerned sports season.

#### **19 Main tournament (32 sportsmen/women)**

12 Seeded players ranked from 1 to 12 on the applied UMB world ranking.

2 Wildcards in total for the organizing federation and the local organizer.

1 Wildcard for the organizing confederation.

4 Wildcards: 2 for each of the other two non-organizing confederations.

1 Wildcard for the UMB (\*): the attribution of the UMB wildcard is regulated by a separate published regulation as well as the historic attribution of these wildcards

12 Players from the qualification rounds.

In case that a seeded player will not participate or a wildcard is not used before registration deadline and qualification groups are formed, he or they will be replaced by the highest world ranked player(s); after deadline and groups are formed, he or they will be replaced by the first or following non-qualified player(s) from the final qualification round. In all cases, the replacement player(s) is/are not in title of any organizer financial support for seeded or wildcard players.

The 32 sportsmen/women ranked first are declaring themselves prepared to participate in case they are ranked into the first 12 places of the ranking. In case such a player is not prepared to participate, he will lose 16 points on the World Players Ranking and the World Cup Ranking.

(\*) In case of an extraordinary event with a bonus price money which is net at least 10,000 Euro higher than the specified minimum price money which is paid to the sportsmen/women, the wildcard of the UMB could be given to the organizer of such an event as a kind of compensation and with that it could also be of use for negotiation purposes.

## 20 The tournament of the final rounds will be played as follows

- a. Composition of the 32 participants
  - i. The numbers 1 – 12 are the 12 highest ranked sportsmen/women on the World Cup ranking (see further)
  - ii. The numbers 13 – 20 are the wildcard sportsmen/women
  - iii. The numbers 21 – 32 are those which have qualified
  
- b. The participants are seeded according to the following drawing system:
  - i. The numbers 1 – 4 are seeded on the places 1, 2, 3, 4.  
These are the matches with the numbers 1, 16, 9, 8  
In case that the names of the numbers 3 and/or 4 are identical with those in the preceding tournament, these numbers will be exchanged.
  
  - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> draw:  
The numbers 5 – 8 will be drawn on the places 5 – 8.  
These are the matches with the numbers 3, 6, 11, 14
  
  - iii. The following sportsmen/women will be drawn on the places 9 – 16:  
2<sup>nd</sup> draw:  
1 of the 4 wildcards of the two non-organizing confederations will be number 16.  
  
3<sup>rd</sup> draw:  
Among number 16, number 9 – 12 of the world ranking, the UMB wildcard, the wildcard of the organizing confederation and the first organizer wildcard.  
These are the matches with the numbers 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15
  
  - iv. 4<sup>th</sup> draw  
Among the second national wildcard, the three wildcards of the non-organizing confederations and the 12 qualified sportsmen/women.  
These are the matches 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16  
The drawing is taking place in public, directly after the end of the qualifications or even before them.  
In case of the absence of a player at the opening ceremony without a medical excuse accepted by the UMB and Organizer delegates, he/she will be only replaced at the same place by the best non-qualified player; moreover, the absent player will lose all his tournament rights.

## 21 Programme and schedule

### a. Drawing

Match number	Place	Place 2 <sup>nd</sup> draw	Place 3 <sup>rd</sup> draw	versus	Place 4 <sup>th</sup> draw
1	1			V	17-32
2			9-16	V	17-32
3		5-8		V	17-32
4			9-16	V	17-32
5			9-16	V	17-32
6		5-8		V	17-32
7			9-16	V	17-32
8	4			V	17-32
9	3			V	17-32
10			9-16	V	17-32
11		5-8		V	17-32
12			9-16	V	17-32
13			9-16	V	17-32
14		5-8		V	17-32
15			9-16	V	17-32
16	2			V	17-32

- b. The schedule will be fixed by the local organizer in cooperation with the UMB delegate. No two matches directly after each other can be planed for one sportsman/woman.

At 20.00 o'clock at the latest on the evening before the following tournament day the binding schedule for the following day has to be announced to the sportsmen/women. A match is not allowed to start before the time presented on this schedule. After that shifting on account of an important reason are only still possible with the knowledge of the sportsmen/women involved.

- C. The organizer must only use the tournament results sports-program approved and provided by UMB. The using by the organizer of any other results sports-program in parallel with the UMB-program is forbidden.

## 22 Accommodation

The organizer will make available to the seeded sportsmen/women and to all wildcard sportsmen/women (a total of 20) the hotel accommodation on basis of at least overnight stay with breakfast for at least the duration of the main tournament + 2 nights for the foreign sportsmen/women and + 1 night for the national sportsmen/women free of cost for them in the official designated tournament hotel.

For the duration of the whole tournament + 2 nights the organizer has to pay the costs for a "four star" hotel, lodging and breakfast, for one delegate each of the UMB and of the responsible confederation.

For the duration of the whole tournament + 2 nights (maximum) the organizer has to pay the costs for a four star hotel, lodging and breakfast, for the UMB technical responsible.

For the duration of the whole tournament + 2 nights (maximum) the organizer has to pay the costs for two double rooms in the official

designated tournament hotel (or a similar standard hotel in the very close neighbourhood of the venue), + full board for four persons for the Kozoom-team.

In case that the organizer asks UMB to give assistance in providing a person (in principle the UMB-Sports manager) for executing the function of Tournament-Director, the organizer will make available the hotel accommodation in the official designated tournament hotel (or a similar standard hotel in the very close neighbourhood of the venue), on basis of full board stay for at least the duration of the main tournament + 2 nights. Travelling-expenses will also be at total charge of the organizer.

In special cases the UMB could ask the organizer for an additional room for a special, important guest.

### **23 Sporting material – material tournament direction**

It is only allowed to use billiard tables which are corresponding to the standard specifications of the UMB. Cloths and balls have to be authorized according to the make and the quality/type by the UMB in agreement with the confederation. New cloths and balls have to be provided for all tables from the start of the tournament.

The cues are the personal sporting material of the sportsman/the sportswoman. Those have to be in the bounds of the authorized standard specifications for material of the UMB.

Chalk, sandpaper etc. are belonging to the personal utensils of the sportsman/woman.

A long cue and a long cue support have to be kept ready on the spot by the organizer.

According to the contracts with the UMB and/or the confederation the organizer receives the tournament material (cloths and balls) from the respective manufacturers free of charge. The material needed has to be requested in due time through the national Federation or has to be directly requested by the organizer at the responsible importer/trader of the before-mentioned companies in the country of the organization. If there is not such an importer/trader in the country of the organization, the material has to be directly requested at the manufacturers or through the UMB at least three months before the beginning of the tournament.

The UMB Technical Responsible will monitor this matter.

UMB table cloth sponsor “Simonis” will provide the organizer with 1 piece of Simonis X-1 for every 2 tables free of charge; the number of pieces according to the number of used tables will be sent by Simonis company to the organizer with the table cloth. During the whole tournament, the organizer must use the Simonis X-1 for the cleaning of the tables between the matches or whenever needed; the use of Simonis X-1 does not prevent of using the vacuum cleaner every day before the start of the matches and from than every two rounds and whenever needed.

The whole tournament – included the qualification-rounds – will be played with “spotted” balls

The whole tournament – included the qualification-rounds – will be played with a time-regulation-system:

On each table a time-clock will be used under the control of the referee and according to following rules:

- limit of 50 seconds (by preference in a count-down order) with lightning warning system at 40 seconds (if not available the referee will give a warning about the 40 seconds-limit)
- penalization-signal (by preference sonic) after the 50 seconds with putting up of the balls for the opponent as consequence
- one time-out for each set is possible; a time-out can be asked at all time within the 50-seconds period; the new total limit is than brought to 100 seconds.
- At the use of a device (cue-extension, bridge, etc) or changing glove(s), the ongoing time will not be stopped.

The clock has to be put up in the sports arena in a good visible way for the sportsmen /women and the spectators.

A bowl with fresh water and a towel has to be provided on the table of the sports-man/sportswoman. In addition to that they have to be provided with non-alcoholic drinks during the match.

Big indicating boards for each billiard table which are good visible have to be put up in the arena.

The Kozoom Live scoring system is recognized and accepted as the official scoring system as well in the arena as on the website. In case the organizer want to use his own scoring system, this will have to be accepted by UMB and compatible with the Kozoom Live scoring system.

The billiard tables and the indicating boards have to be equipped with numbers, in order that the assignment will be quickly possible for the spectator.

An organizer can decide to let play some or the entire qualification-rounds in different venues. In this case the venues must be at acceptable distance the one from the other and the organizer must provide transportation from one venue to another or from the official hotel to both venues. The acceptance of the different venues and the conditions which are provided to the players is of the final decision of the technical delegate of the UMB.

In the case of two venues, both must be provided by places for public and VIP-arrangements.

The obligations concerning sponsors of the UMB and flags of UMB and confederation are valid for both venues.

If a tournament director is provided by the UMB, the organizer has to place the necessary equipment according to the given details of the UMB and correspondingly qualified tournament executives at disposal.

In any case a high-speed access to the Internet must be at any time at the disposal of the technical responsible and/or delegate of the UMB.

The organizer will provide the necessary conditions for web coverage including:

- a dedicated Internet line for the Kozoom team guaranteeing a minimum bandwidth of 2 Mbps;
- The necessary laptops and connected monitors for each table in the competition;
- A workspace with a power outlet for the Kozoom control centre near the area of play

The organizer will further provide a separate working room for the UMB Technical delegate and/or UMB delegate including:

- A permanent and separate Internet line by plug connection
- A PC with a screen of at least 17 inch; minimum Pentium 4 processor and working memory capacity of 1024 MB, USB-port and operating Windows XP or higher. Following programs have to be installed: Internet Explorer, Microsoft Office 2003 or higher and Adobe.
- A colour-printer (Din A3)

#### 24 Printed matters, words of greeting and sponsors of the UMB and the confederation

The following obligations are imperatively to be kept by the organizer:

In addition to the official name of the tournament, the logo of the UMB and of the responsible confederation has to be printed on all printed matters. The same is valid for the front page of an internet presentation, if such one will be drawn up or printed on the occasion of the event.

If a programme will be drawn up for the event, words of greeting will have to be requested in due time – about 3 months before the printing – at the UMB and at the responsible confederation. A page of advertisement has to be provided for the company Simonis and for the Rasson Company.

At a place which can be seen well by the spectators, one flag of each of the companies Simonis, Aramith and Rasson have to be put up in the tournament arena. As a rule those flags are in possession of every national Federation. If not, they will have to be requested at the UMB three months before the beginning of the tournament at the latest. Thereupon, as a rule, the delegate of the UMB will bring those with him to the event.

On each side of the billiard tables which are used, stickers of the company Simonis and the company Rasson have to be fixed on the outer cushion frame during the whole duration of the tournament. Those have to be requested together with the cloths in a corresponding quantity.

On the playing surface itself (on the cloth) no advertisement is allowed, not on the upper edge of the cushion, either. The company Simonis is allowed to fix advertisement between the kick off border of the cushion and the table cloth (sloping surface).

The logos of the companies Simonis, Aramith and Rasson have to be put on all advertisements and/or advertising borders of posters and also within the scope of internet presentations.

It is completely forbidden by the organizer to have any publicity or advertisement for any competing company or product to UMB sponsors Simonis and Aramith in the arena or on any material related to the World Cup.

The responsible confederation can make the tournament authorization dependent on own conditions which have to be met. Those, however, are not allowed to be in competition with the conditions brought into line with the UMB. The same is valid with regard to the relation of the national Federation to the local organizer.

#### 25 Protected VIP-places

The organizer has the right to reserve a number of protected VIP-places to be attributed following his criteria. Nevertheless he has to provide in any case to

UMB during the whole duration of the competition and in a permanent and protected way at least six of those places.

In case the organizer is foreseeing around the arena a system of sponsored boxes, he will provide to UMB one such box with at least six places.

Besides the UMB-delegate, and the President of the organizing Confederation, other Confederal Presidents have to be considered as VIP-guests during their stay in the venue.

Federal Presidents and/or delegates and players and their partner have to be provided with a protected and for free place around the arena during the entire competition.

## 26 Opening and presentation ceremony / official flags in the tournament arena

At the opening and at the presentation ceremony as well as during the entire duration of the tournament the flags of the UMB and the responsible confederation have to be put up at a suitable place in order that they are good visible. The flags have to be requested at the national federation in due time. If they are not in possession of them, they have to request them at the responsible confederation three months before the beginning of the tournament at the latest. Thereupon, as a rule the UMB and/or the confederal representative will bring those with them to the tournament. In addition to that the flags of the nations which are involved in the main tournament should be put up in the tournament hall.

The opening ceremony goes off as follows:

### Procedure

- Welcoming of the guests of honour, of the sportsmen and of the visitors by the organizer
- Speech of a representative of the confederation and/or of the national federation
- Possibly speeches of politicians, sponsors etc.
- Announcement of the organizer of the official opening by the delegate of the UMB or of the confederation
- Official, given wording for the opening by the delegate of the UMB or of the confederation
- Playing of the national anthem of the organizing nation. Meanwhile the drawing up of the flag of the UMB
- Announcement of the first matches by the tournament director

### Presence

- All players participating in the main tournament must be present at the tournament place for the dress control, normally 30 minutes before the opening ceremony. They must stay at the disposal of the organizer and of the UMB Technical Responsible until the end of the opening ceremony.
- Any player not present as mentioned here above, will lose all financial and participation rights and will be replaced by the next best ranked player from the qualification round, unless the UMB Delegate or the UMB Technical Delegate has been previously informed about his absence. The absent player must then deliver a proven valid reason that is accepted by the UMB Delegate for his unforeseen absence. The absent player must then certify and make sure that he will be present in the playing area at least 30 minutes before the start of his first match.

- If the UMB Delegate or the UMB Technical Delegate has been previously informed about the absence of a player, the stand-by replacement player will not participate in the opening ceremony.

The closing ceremony goes off as follows:

A victory platform should be got ready in the arena for the presentation ceremony. In addition to that four chairs for the sportsmen/women.

- Welcoming of the guests of honour and the visitors by the organizer (The four sportsmen/women ranked first are in tournament clothing in the arena)
- Announcement of the organizer of the official proclamation by the delegate of the UMB or of the confederation
- Proclamation according to the official wording of the four sportsmen/women ranked first by the delegate of the UMB and/or of the confederation and handing over of the price money in an envelope (obligatory).
- Playing of the national anthem of the winner and if possible hoisting of the flags of the nations of the four sportsmen/women ranked first.
- Possibly speeches of politicians, sponsors etc. and handing over of honorary prizes
- Speech of a representative of the confederation and/or of the national federation
- Announcement of the organizer of the official conclusion by the delegate of the UMB or of the confederation
- Given concluding wording by the delegate of the UMB or of the confederation
- Playing of the national anthem of the organizing nation and lowering of the flag of the UMB

Further and deviant arrangements have to be discussed with the delegates of the UMB and of the confederation.

27 Information about and during the tournament

All official international announcements, invitations etc. are carried out by the UMB within the period stipulated.

In case that from the side of the organizer an internet presentation for the tournament is prepared, a notification with the internet address will have to be given to the UMB and the confederation in good time after functioning of that one, in order that those will be able to announce the reference with link in their internet presentations.

Immediately after each round of the tournament the federations and the press etc. have to be provided with the results and the tables via E-mail. A corresponding distribution list will be placed at disposal by the UMB/confederation in good time.

In the tournament area a big result board has to be put up and has always to be made topical, in order that everyone can see the tournament score of immediate interest. In addition to that the results shall be provided in a sufficient manner in order that they can be taken along.

After the end of the tournament a file has to be given to the sportsmen/women of the main tournament which are still present, to the delegates of the UMB and of the

confederation and to one official representative of each of the present national federations .

## 28 Continuation of the world ranking three cushion

The world ranking three cushions is kept by the UMB. It should always be up to date. This is also valid for the valuation of Confederal and national competitions, which are having a valuation in the ranking.

After each tournament a new ranking will be drawn up according to the given criteria.

The last published World Players Ranking (at least seven weeks before start of the World Cup) will be applied.

In case of points equality between two players or more in both World Players and World Cup rankings, the last points obtained by these players in last World Cup will be considered, and in case of equality in last one, the previous one will be considered, and so on.

## 29 Doping controls – alcohol – ban on smoking

The doping guidelines of the WCBS (World Confederation of Billiard Sport) and the WADA (World Anti Doping Agency) which are drawn up in accordance with the given details of the IOC have to be kept. The financial consequences of possible in-competition tests will be at charge of the organizer. In addition to that a ban on alcohol is valid for the sportsmen/women during the duration of their participation in the tournament.

Doping controls are possible without advanced notice. Sportsmen/women, who do not subject themselves to such controls, cannot participate in the tournament. With their inscription they are accepting the carrying out of such controls according to the guidelines which are valid at that time.

In the tournament area there is a ban on smoking for all persons present.

## 30 Declaring the Winner of the Worldcup-session

Each World Cup tournament is of the same value. There will not be any particular final tournament. At the end of a World Cup season there will be a World Cup winner.

## 31 Final clause – coming into force

These rules are coming into force as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 irrespective of earlier made agreements on the organization of World Cup competitions to be organized after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 and are taking the place of all preceding or contradictory rules of the UMB. Mistakes which have been recognized can temporarily be overcome by the board of the UMB. If mistakes come to light at the place of the tournament, temporary solutions among the delegates of the UMB, of the confederation, and of the national federation as well as the tournament director can temporarily be put into force.

