



INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER FEDERATION

CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

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THE INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS & SNOOKER FEDERATION

CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

The IBSF Snooker Championships shall be held under the ultimate authority of the International Billiards & Snooker Federation, who shall at their Annual General Meetings delegate responsibility for the organisation of these to Member Associations, no less than two years in advance.

In the event that no candidate can be announced during the Annual General Meeting, the IBSF Board will be able to take any decision needed to ensure the continuity of competitions and review candidates who present their nominations to host an event after the AGM.

The Championships shall be played under the Conditions approved by the IBSF and under the Rules of the Game as published by the appropriate authority.

The Host Association shall give notice no later than one year from the start of the Championship of their inability to stage them. The Federation will then seek a new host for the Championship.

DEFINITIONS

IBSF Championship Committee

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

- a) IBSF Sports Committee
- b) IBSF Tournament Overseer (appointed by the IBSF) if not a member of sports committee
- c) IBSF Referees & Rules Committee Chairman
- d) The Host Association representative

IBSF Tournament Committee (as per clause 24)

This committee will be responsible for the running of the event from the day of the Opening ceremony till the Closing ceremony has finished.

The committee will consist of:

- a) Tournament Director approved by the IBSF
- b) Head Referee approved by the IBSF
- c) IBSF Tournament Overseer (appointed by the IBSF)
- d) The Host Association representative

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1.1 Subject to any decision of the Federation otherwise, it shall be a condition of holding the Championship that the Host Association shall extend an invitation to all paid up Member National Associations to send representative/s to compete.

1.2 The Secretary shall forward information packs giving all relevant details pertaining to the Championships not less than twelve weeks prior to the date of the commencement of the Championship.

The IBSF World Men's, Women's & Masters Snooker Championships shall be held from **1st October – 30th November** in any year.

The IBSF World Men's & Women's Junior Championships, shall be held between **1st - 31st July** in any year.

The IBSF World Team Cup & 6 Red Championships shall be held from the **1st – 31st August** in any year

The IBSF World Billiards Championship shall be conducted in **September** if not held in conjunction with Snooker Championships.

No IBSF Championship will commence within 4 weeks of the end of another IBSF Championship unless sanctioned by the IBSF.

A variation of the above dates may be granted upon application to the IBSF

All entries must be received by the IBSF website including photographs, and all other required information (4) weeks before the start of the Championships. Failure to complete the entries correctly will result in exclusion from the Championships. If a National affiliate is in arrears with its fees no entries will be accepted until the overdue fees are paid. NO entries will be accepted after this date.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.



- 1.3 The IBSF Secretary shall send an email to the Member Country concerned regarding any rejection of an entry; other than overdue fees, within 3 days after the subscription online with clearly defined reasons of the rejection ratified by the IBSF Board. In addition, a copy of the email will also be sent to the Secretary of the Regional Federation of the Member Country concerned.
- 1.4 The IBSF shall; in close cooperation with the Host Association, invite and/or accept replacements for players who withdraw after the closing date for entries. Provided that such player/s are approved and nominated by their National Association/s from whom withdrawal/s have been received and of which they are members.
- 1.5 All players must register at the Championship Office before the Opening Ceremony or inform the Host Association of possible late arrival. Failure to do so will be taken as a withdrawal of the player/players concerned.
- 1.6 The IBSF retains the right to consider and evaluate all Championship opportunities and proposals, and make the necessary amendments to these Conditions for the overall benefit of the sport.

2. ENTRY AND PLAYER STATUS

- 2.1 Each National Association shall be autonomous in choosing who shall represent their National Association and will be entitled to nominate entries as follow:

IBSF Men's Snooker Championship - Up to **Three (3)** male players per country

IBSF Women's Snooker Championship - Up to **Four (4)** female players per country

IBSF Masters Snooker Championships - Up to **Three (3)** players per country – (players entitled to enter must be over 40 years of age on the 1st day of the Championship)

IBSF Junior Snooker Championship – Up to Three (3) male players for the Men's and three (3) Female players for the Women's per country, – (players entitled to enter must be under the relevant age on the 31st of December of the year preceding the Championship concerned. Dates of birth will be checked on the first day of the Championships.)

Billiards Championships - Four (4) players per country for each IBSF Billiards Championship with the host country allowed a maximum of 8 entries.

IBSF Team Championship

Two male players per team with maximum of 2 teams per country in Men's Team Championship (4 players)

Two female players per team with maximum of 4 teams per country in Women's Team Championship (8 players)

Two player's male or female per team with maximum of 2 teams per country in Masters Team Championship (4 players)

IBSF 6 Red Championship – All players entered in the Team Championship are eligible for the 6 Red Championships. In addition, two (2) male & two female (2) players per country can enter the Championship.

The Host Association will be allowed one player per each group, to a maximum of 8 players; except in the Teams events, plus the option of extra players as an emergency measure, due to the non appearance of any players prior to the start of the Championship subject to the sanction of the IBSF.

- 2.2 Extra Players that are to be invited:
The Regional Men's, Masters and Women's Champion, under 21 Snooker Champion, Billiards Champion, 6 Red Champion and Teams are to be allowed entry to each respective Championship, in addition the runners up in each category.
The Defending IBSF Men's, Women's, Masters, under 21, Teams and 6 Red Champions subject to the age of the Under 21 players, and that neither the Under 21 nor Men's Champion are participating on the WSA Main Tour. If the Regional Champion takes the Main Tour place, then the Runner Up will be offered the position.
The above players will be entitled to compete as extra players, provided they are nominated and their entries approved by their National Association.
- 2.3 To make up uneven groups the Host Association may request to the IBSF to invite players from the other countries of the Host Region.
- 2.4 To be eligible for entry, a Player must be a National /Citizen of the country and must not have represented another country for at least three years before the start of the Championships.
- 2.5 A Player who has dual nationality may elect to represent either country, provided that he has not represented his former country in the previous three years and is nominated by his new country.
- 2.6 The current top128 Ranked World Snooker Association Main Tour Players (or the figure as announced by the WPBSA for the current season) will be ineligible for selection by their National Associations for all IBSF Championships that carries a main tour qualification.

3. AFFILIATION AND ENTRY FEES



- 3.1 An Affiliation Fee of US\$400 - will be payable to the IBSF by the last day of June each year.
The fee will be payable irrespective of the Championship being held in any year or not and NO refunds will be made or reductions given for part or non entry into the Championship.
- 3.2 Entry Fees per player for ALL IBSF World Championships will be US\$70 unless advised different in the Invitation letter, and will be payable to the IBSF on the first day of the Championships,

4. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

SNOOKER

- 4.1 The maximum time allowed to host the Men, Women, & Master Championships will be 10 days, with the final day being scheduled for a Friday or Saturday, unless otherwise agreed by the Federation and the IBSF.
- 4.2 The Round Robin Stages - will be made up of:
- 4.3

	Men	Women	Masters
Round robin no. of players per group	4 / 5	4 / 5	4 / 5
Frames round robin matches	7	3	5
No. of qualifiers per group	3	3	3
No. of frames played in Last 64	7	n/a	5
No of frames played in Last 16/32	9	5	7
No. of frames played in quarter final	11 (5 + 6)*	7	7
No. of frames played in semi final	13 (6 + 7)*	7	9
No. of frames played in final	15 (7 + 8)*	9 (4 + 5)	11 (5 + 6)

	U21 Men	U21 Women	U18 Men	U16 Women	U16 Men
Round robin no. of players per group	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5
Frames round robin matches	5	3	5	3	5
No. of qualifiers per group	3	3	3	3	3
No. of frames played in Last 32	7	n/a	5	3	5
No of frames played in Last 16	7	5	7	3	5
No. of frames played in quarter final	9	5	7	5	7
No. of frames played in semi final	9	5	7	5	7
No. of frames played in final	11 (5 + 6)*	7	9 (4 + 5)	5	7

* Both Stages to be played on the same day.

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

- 4.4 Semi-finals – Both matches to be played the best of **13** frames over 2 Sessions on the same day – First Session a possible 6 frames and the Second Session a possible 7 frames. The match will be stopped in the first session when one of the players has won 4 frames.
- 4.5 Final – To be played the best of **15** frames over 2 Sessions on the same day – First Session a maximum of 7 frames and the Second Session the possible number of frames left. The match will be stopped in the first session when one of the players has won 5 frames.
- 4.6 The maximum time allowed for the Team & 6 Red Championships will be 9 days, with the final day being scheduled for a Friday or Saturday, unless otherwise agreed by the Federation and the IBSF.
- 4.7 Team Doubles will be Scotch format (alternate shots) with collaboration between players away from the table
- 4.8 Format for the Teams 5 frames will be A v A, B v B, AB v AB, A v B, B v A
Format for the Teams 7 frames will be A v B, B v A, AB v AB, A v A, B v B, AB v AB, Players Choice
Format for the Teams 9 frames will be A v A, B v B, AB v AB, A v B, B v A, AB v AB, A v A, B v B, AB v AB

	6 Red Men/ Masters	6 Red Women	Men Teams	Master Teams	Women Teams
Round robin no. of players per group	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5	4/5
Frames round robin matches	7	5	5	5	3
No. of qualifiers per group	3	3	3	3	3
No. of frames played in Last 32	9	5	5	n/a	n/a
No of frames played in Last 16	9	5	7	5	3
No. of frames played in quarter final	9	7	7	7	3
No. of frames played in semi final	9	7	7	7	5



No. of frames played in final	11	7	9	9	7
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4.9 All sessions for all championships will be subject to possible change in time and frames played; to cover any possible demands by Sponsors or for TV Coverage, if requested by the Host Association and agreed to by the Tournament Committee.

4.10 **BILLIARDS**

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

The maximum time allowed to host the Championships will be 8 days, with the final day being scheduled for a Friday or Saturday, unless otherwise agreed by the Federation and the IBSF.

The Billiards Round Robin Stages - will be made up of:

	150Up	Timed
Round robin no.of players per group	4/5	4/5
Frames round robin matches	5	1 x 1.5 hours
No. of qualifiers per group	3	3
No of frames played in Last 16	7	1 x 2.0 hours
No. of frames played in quarter final	7	2 x 1.5 hours
No. of frames played in semi final	9	2 x 2.0 hours
No. of frames played in final	11	2 x 2.5 hours

5. **ROUND ROBIN GROUP DRAWS**

The draw shall be made by the IBSF Championship Committee.

5.1 There will be NO seeding of players for the Round Robin Groups which will be drawn as follows. All GROUPS will be randomised before the release of the Draw.

i) Countries (depending on the number of groups for the event) will be selected according to the IBSF ranking and their No. 1 player drawn at random under the Group Headings

ii) A second group of countries according to the IBSF ranking (which may include countries from the first group), will be selected and the players drawn at random under the Group Headings.

iii) A third and/or fourth group of countries, (which may include countries from the previous groups selected) will be selected and the players drawn at random under the Group Headings.

iv) The remaining players will then be drawn at random into the group headings, and placed as best as possible so that the players from the same region are spread evenly over all groups.

v) No player will be drawn into the same group as a fellow countryman, other than an emergency replacement from the Host or Regional Association, a third player of any country due to the previous year's title holder, the Under 21 Champion or Regional Champions attending the Championship.

vi) If a player is drawn into the same group as a fellow countryman, he will automatically go to the next available group.

vii) The IBSF retains the right to change the seeding of players received from the country due to an obvious error. All groups should be of equal numbers whenever possible.

6. **WALKOVERS AND FORFEITS**

6.1 A fine will be payable by any player that gives a walkover and it must be paid before playing their next match. If there is a second walkover from the same player, they will then be removed from the tournament and fined again. Penalties will be applied as per the DISCIPLINARY RULES & PROCEDURES

It is the responsibility of the player's National Association to guarantee the payment of any penalty imposed on a player by the Championship Committee or the IBSF.

i) Any player not in attendance at the designated start time **will lose one (1) Frame** when the match commences, OR in Billiards 100 points.

ii) If a player in Snooker or Billiards Championship is not in attendance 15 minutes after the designated start time, their match shall be declared a walkover and awarded to their opponent. If both players are in default of being absent after the aforesaid grace period of 15 minutes, both players will be forfeited, and the match deemed to be a walkover against both players.



iii) Notwithstanding the aforesaid forfeiture, the defaulting player(s) concerned shall be further subject to reprimand actions after the case has been investigated by the Championship Committee, based on IBSF Disciplinary Rules and Procedures

iv) There shall be no re-scheduled matches for the declared walkover. (See also 6.2.iv and 6.3)

6.2 By the aforesaid default:

i) the player defaulted against shall be awarded a maximum of four (4) frames and one win point for each walk-over. Rule 8 herein shall also apply).

ii) In the case of seeding for the top 8 positions, Rule 9 shall apply herein.

iii) In the event of a player failing to be present for two matches, he/she shall be declared withdrawn from the Championship. Additional disciplinary action may be taken against him/her, pursuant to the provisions of the IBSF Disciplinary Rules and Procedures.

iv) Under extenuating circumstances, the Tournament Committee shall have the right to consider valid appeals in writing submitted by the aggrieved player(s) concerned, subject further to the burden of proof connected therewith.

6.3 Should any player be unable to play a match due to illness, the following conditions shall apply:

i) The Tournament Director must be informed in writing of his/her indisposition at least thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start time of the match in reference.

ii) An authorized medical certificate must be obtained and forwarded to the Tournament Director from the designated Championship Doctor, as specified by the Host NSA.

iii) The granting or otherwise of a rescheduled match in this instance is at the absolute discretion of the Tournament Director in consultation with the Tournament Committee. Such decision shall be given within thirty (30) minutes from the time of the written appeal being received from the affected player

6.4 In the case a match that is interrupted because one of the players is indisposed because of illness, the following procedure must be applied:

- The referee must leave all the balls on the table exactly as it was before the interruption until the Tournament Director gives his final decision.
- If the circumstances and the conditions of the suffering player are serious enough, the Tournament Director can decide to postpone the match.
- The Tournament Director must give in writing to each player involved, the revised schedule with the day and time for the match to continue to completion.
- The frame scores as recorded when the match had been interrupted, is the starting point for the continuation of the match

The Tournament Director could require from the suffering player a medical certificate which confirms that the player is able to play. In addition, a letter from the player that confirms if they continue to play, they do so at their own risk, and cannot hold the IBSF responsible for any untoward or further illness that they may suffer.

These procedures are applicable to the referees as well.

7. WITHDRAWALS

A player will be withdrawn from the Championship if missing 2 matches so designated by the IBSF Executive. **ALL** matches in the Round Stages played by that player **will become null and void**.

7.1 All decisions regarding Walk Overs, Withdrawals and Forfeits will be made by the IBSF, who will investigate the matter/s and take disciplinary action against the offenders National Association if seen fit to do so.

8. GROUP WINNERS

8.1 Two players from each group will go forward to the Final Knock out Stages -! (See under 4.3 & 4.7)

8.2 Matches Win Points will first decide the winners.

If two or more players in any group have an equal number of wins at the end of the Round Robin Stages, the following procedure will apply to determine the position of the qualifiers of that group:

1. If two or more players have an equal number of wins the better or best will be the player with the best Frame Difference (See Supplement)

2. If still equal the result/s of the matches between the players will be used to determine who is successful.

3. If a tie is still involved the best differential in the matches of the tied players will be used.

4. If after applying points 1-3 the players is still equal, one-frame play-off using frame scores to determine the separation of the players. If required, a re-spotted black will be used.

9. SEEDING FOR THE KNOCK OUT STAGES



The Seeding will be completed by the Championship computer and the IBSF Tournament Committee

9.1 On completion of the Round Robin Stages the Group Winners will be seeded as follows:

- a) Players with NO losses will be seeded first using points 9.1d.
- b) Players with ONE loss will be seeded next using points 9.1d
- c) Players with TWO losses will be seeded next using points 9.1d
- d) The Frame Average will decide the seeding after losses are equal. If the frame average is the same for two or more players, a draw will settle the seeding positions. (Refer to Supplement)

9.2 The Seeding Procedure

- a) Seeding for the Knock out stage (Refer to Supplement)
When the Number 1 players have been seeded they will be placed in the following order from the top of the draw sheet. 1 - 8 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 6 - 7 - 2
- b) Seeding for Last 16 (Refer to Supplement)
When the Number 1 players have been seeded they will be placed in the following order from the top of the draw sheet. 1 - 4 - 3 - 2
The Number 2 of each group will also be seeded and placed into the opposite half of their own group winner, and in the first available spot.

9.3 If only 2 groups are used in the round robin format and 4 players from each are taken to the Knock Out Stage of the Championships, the players will be placed in the following order from the top of the draw sheet
A1 – B4, A3 – B2, A2 – B3, A4 – B1

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

10. DRESS CODE

10.1 Men's Dress Code

Evening dress or a dark suit shall be worn to all Opening and Closing ceremonies, and National dress or National costumes are also allowed. Only dark colour dress shoes are acceptable. No sport style shoes will be allowed.

Dress trousers together with waistcoat shall be worn to all match sessions. Jeans will not be acceptable. Long sleeve predominately plain coloured shirts buttoned at the wrist, waistcoats, bow ties and dark colour dress shoes must be worn for all matches. When the conditions are hot, the Tournament Committee may waive certain dress requirements. For team events both players must wear same coloured clothes which will be checked by the referee.

10.1.2 Women's Dress Code

For the Opening and Closing ceremonies, evening dress shall be worn, (which includes dress, skirt or costume) National dress or National costumes are allowed, also colour dress shoes shall be worn. Shoes can be open toe or closed.

Dress trousers, or skirts, no shorter than kneecap, shall be worn to all match sessions. Jeans will not be acceptable. Predominately plain coloured shirts with sleeves below the elbow, and waistcoats must be worn for all matches. Dress ladies dark coloured shoes shall be worn to all sessions, and can be open or closed toe shoes. No sports style shoes, sandals, or boots will be allowed.

10.1.3 In all cases the IBSF Tournament Committee retains the right to refuse any player or Referee (male or female) who wears attire which could be considered inappropriate in any way, thereby disrupting the competition or portraying a damaging or conflicting image to the best standards and interests of the IBSF.

When the conditions are hot, the Tournament Committee may waive certain dress requirements.

10.2 Players will be allowed to wear a sponsor's logo only on the front of the waistcoat with a maximum size of 100 mm x 40 mm or 80 mm diameter.

The Host Association will inform players if their logos may be worn during any televised stages of the Championship and has the right to request during this stage of the Championship that players wear logos of the Host Association sponsor at no cost to themselves.

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

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



10.5 The IBSF Condition of Entry is that players own sponsors must not conflict with the IBSF Sponsors.

11. PRIZE STRUCTURE

11.1 All prize money will be paid by the IBSF in US\$ currency and subject to yearly review and not subject to any tax deductions.

The Host National Association shall be responsible for providing trophies and Certificates as per the Appendices at the rear of the document. Any addition to the prize money must be with the sanction of the IBSF.

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

11.2 Any extra prizes offered by the Host Association are at their own discretion and approved by the Championship Committee.

11.3 The IBSF World Championship Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the winner at the Closing Ceremony and then returned to the IBSF Secretary who will hold it until the following year.

12. HOST ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS

12.1 The Host Association on finding suitable accommodation is required to negotiate special room rates including breakfast, for ALL persons attending the Championships. This rate, which should be no more than US\$100 per room (or equivalent in local currency) including breakfast, should be a minimum of 40% discount off the published room prices at the time of the Championship. This must be confirmed in the Championship Tender, at least twenty-four (24) weeks before the start of the Championship. If hotel cost is more than \$100 or standard is less than 4 star the IBSF board will be required to approve same

12.2 The Host Association will be responsible for supplying free of charge, accommodation including breakfast as per the Bid File for these Championships which must be available at AGM at least 1 year prior to event.

12.3 All National Associations will be responsible for payment of the total accommodation costs as per 12.1 for all their Delegates, Managers, Players, Officials and Supporters.

12.4 The Host Association will be responsible to arrange and host a suitable Opening Ceremony, and a Closing Ceremony that is inclusive food and drinks.

12.5 All equipment used for the Championships will be that of the current IBSF Sponsors including tables, cloth and balls

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

13. PLAYING CONDITIONS

13.1 The Match Tables, Venue and Equipment shall conform to requirements as laid down in the IBSF Championship Tender and shall be checked and certified by the Tournament Committee before the start of the Championship.

13.2 The Tournament Director shall ensure that the players matches are fairly spread over the tables in use and the scheduled times. Players who play the last match at night should not be required to play the first match the following morning during the Round Robin Stages. The IBSF will provide a playing schedule if required by the Host Association.

13.4 The Host Association has the right to request the T.D. to transfer any match to another table or to change the scheduled times of any match. The Tournament Director and Head Referee must approve and arrange these changes, and ensure sufficient notice is given to all players affected by the changes.

13.5 All players must attend the Opening Ceremony; and if they have not returned home, the Final and the Closing Ceremony. Dress code will be as per item 10.

13.6 NO SMOKING will be allowed in the playing or spectators area inside the Match Venue.

13.7 NO ALCOHOLIC DRINKS or FOOD will be allowed into the playing or spectators area inside the Match Venue.

13.8 **Players and Referees will not be allowed to partake of any alcoholic drink or smoke during the course of their match.**

13.9 NO MOBILE PHONES, TWO WAY RADIOS or BLEEPERS will be allowed inside the Match Venue.

14. REFEREES



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

For all IBSF events a minimum of 50% of the required number of Referees must be invited from outside the Host Association and Regional area. The IBSF Referees Committee in conjunction with the IBSF Executive will decide the allocation of the referees from each region for the World Championship according to the location of the Championship.

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

14.1 All Referees at the Championship must be:

- a) Grade 3 or higher for the Round Robin Stages and must be certified as such by their Regional Association.
- b) Referees for the Final Stages will be assessed and selected from the Referees of the Round Robin Stages only.
- c) The IBSF Referees Committee must approve all Referees, supplied by the Regional Referees Association.
- d) Referees will not be required to work more than two sessions a day. (Unless in extenuating circumstances)
- e) The IBSF requests the regions to encourage gender mix when selecting referees.

14.2 Invitations for Referees outside of the Host Association must be fairly spread and must be directed to the Regional Referees Associations through the IBSF Referees Committee.

14.3 All National Associations should offer to supply Referees for the Championships if possible.

14.4 The Host Association is required to supply free accommodation (Half-Board) for all Referees on the basis of sharing a room with another referee.

14.6 The Tournament Director is required to supply Markers and Recorders for all the Final Stages of all Championships from the referees present at the event.

15. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Should any player, delegate, referee or person representing a Member Country put the game into disrepute at any time during the Championship; the Disciplinary Rules & Procedures as attached to these Conditions, will be applied.

16. DRUGS POLICY

All IBSF World Championships must have an anti-doping test and that the hosting country must work in cooperation with the IBSF to prepare with the local NADA the testing procedure.

The policy and rules of the WADA to control the use of banned substances as adopted by the IBSF are contained in a separate WADA document to these conditions, which the IBSF fully recognises. The IBSF will be responsible for assisting the Host Association in the implementation of any Drug Testing. The IBSF will ensure the current prohibited list is made available to all members.

17. PLAYERS AND REFEREES MEETINGS

A Players and Referees meeting must be held prior to the start of the Championship, under the direction of the Tournament Committee.

18. IBSF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND IBSF EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

The Host Association of the IBSF Men, Women and Masters World Snooker Championships shall make arrangements for holding these meetings in rooms adequate for the purpose. The Host Association will bear the costs of the IBSF Annual General Meeting. These meeting rooms will set up as directed by the Secretary of the IBSF. The Host Association must arrange refreshments on completion of the IBSF AGM for all present.

19. PRACTICE FACILITIES

The Host Association should arrange where possible practice tables at the Championship Venue, to be used on a rota basis by the players. They should also arrange other practice tables at nearby clubs or snooker facilities, at as low a cost possible to the players. (See IBSF Championship Bid Form.)

If needed, the Match Venue Tables will also be made available for practice as per a time schedule set out by the Tournament Directorate.



20. FREE DAY

A day on which no Championship Matches are played can be arranged if possible after the Round Robin Stages have been completed. This is optional for the Host Association and subject to the time constraints of the Championships, and can only be used when it does not interfere with the smooth scheduling of the Championships.

21. PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

It shall be the responsibility of the Host Association to ensure that all efforts are made to seek and obtain maximum publicity and media coverage for the IBSF Championship.

The Host Association is responsible to ensure that a suitable internet connection is provided for the exclusive use of the IBSF webmaster. (See IBSF Championship Bid Form for specifications.)

- The IBSF reserve the selling rights to any televised parts of the Championship, outside the Host Associations Regional Area. All transmissions outside of the Host Nations Regional area must have the prior knowledge and agreement of the IBSF. Should a country be given the TV rights, a 15% of the revenue to be paid to the IBSF.
- At no time can anyone broadcast the IBSF Championship via the Internet without the prior permission and agreement of the IBSF.
- At no time can anyone use the IBSF Logo on any item including merchandising items without the prior permission and agreement of the IBSF.

• CHAMPIONSHIP OVERSEER

The IBSF in consultation with the Regional body where the Championship is to be held will nominate a person to be the Championship Overseer. The overseer will be responsible to monitor all activities pertaining to the Championship, and to ensure that the Championship preparations are being completed as required.

The Overseer will report to the IBSF Executive following each visit, and keep them apprised of the progress of the preparations. The host association will cover the accommodation and meals for the Overseer during his visits.

In addition, the Overseer will attend the Championships and ensure the Championships are run according to the IBSF Championship Conditions. **The IBSF will cover the Overseer's airfares.**

23. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The IBSF in Consultation with the Regional body in conjunction with the Host country will nominate a Tournament Director who will be in control of the Championship. The Tournament Director will ensure; with the assistance of the host country, that the Championships are conducted and completed to the standards expected by the IBSF.

The Host Association will appoint an Assistant Tournament Director and Assistant Head Referee.

24. IBSF TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE is as detailed at start of document

25. SPONSORSHIP AND LOGOS

25.1 Players will be allowed to wear a logo on the front of their waistcoat with a maximum size of 100 mm. x 40 mm. or 80-mm diameter.

The Tournament Committee will inform players if logos may be worn during any televised stages of the Championships and has the right to request at this stage of the Championships, that players wear the logos of the Host Association Sponsor. **No costs or royalties will be paid to any player.**

25.2 All IBSF Sponsors advertisements must be prominently displayed both in the playing area and throughout the venue.

25.3 No advertisement will be allowed if they are in conflict with the official IBSF partners, the list can be obtained on the IBSF website. If in any doubt clarification must be obtained from the IBSF prior to the Championships.

25.4 If any sponsored tables, cloth, balls and any IBSF sponsors products are not used in the Championships, they must be returned to the sponsor or paid for at the normal trade terms of the supplier

25.4 The IBSF shall inform the players and referees of any extra sponsors logos that are required to be worn during any stages of the Championships, and shall be affixed at no cost to the IBSF or the Host Nation.

26. SUPPLEMENTS



GROUP WINNERS (8.2)

The FRAME AVERAGE is the FRAMES WON minus FRAMES LOST divide by the matches played.

Example: Player Wins 25 frames and Loses 10 frames, then +15 Frames is divided by games played 6 = +2.5 is the Frame AVERAGE.

27. MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES

- 27.1 The IBSF is not responsible for any form of personal insurance cover for players, delegates, referees or guests before, during and after any IBSF Championship.
- 27.2 It will be the responsibility of all those attending IBSF Championship's and associated events, to insure against any possible losses due to cancellations. This includes medical, loss of luggage, and travel expenses.
- 27.3 It will be the sole responsibility of all Member Associations, in deciding to send players, referees and delegates to any IBSF Championship or associated event.
- 27.4 The IBSF will not be responsible for any losses incurred due to the cancellation of any IBSF Championship or related event.

**A COPY OF THESE CONDITIONS MUST BE ON PUBLIC DISPLAY DURING THE HOSTING
OF ANY IBSF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
ANY CHANGES TO THESE CONDITIONS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS
WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE PLAYERS MEETING**

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AMENDMENTS

THE INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS & SNOOKER FEDERATION

DISCIPLINARY RULES & PROCEDURES

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

A.0 PREAMBLE

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

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

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

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

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

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

B.0 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

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

- **Tournament Director**
- **Head Referee**
- **Tournament overseer**

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

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

C.0 PROCEDURES OF INVESTIGATION

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

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



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

D.0 APPEAL

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

E.0 OFFENCES

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

F.0 PENALTIES

- F.1 Any player, referee, delegate, official or representative, unless he can prove that he has acted in good faith and had no reasonable grounds for supposing that the Disciplinary Rules contained herein would or might have been thereby infringed, be guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable:
- F.1.1 in the case of an offence under Rule E.1.1 herein, to a fine not less than US\$400 and not exceeding US\$2,000;
- F.1.2 in the case of an offence under Rule E.1.2 herein
First Offence - A fine not less than US\$100 and not exceeding US\$200 payable before next match.
Repeat Offence- A fine not less than US\$400 and not exceeding US\$1000 and withdrawn from the Championships.
- F.1.3 in the case of an offence under Rule E.1.3 herein, to a fine not exceeding US\$1000; forfeiture of any prize money won and a suspension of one (1) year from competing in any IBSF championship;



F.1.4 in the event of an offence under Rule E.1.4 herein, to a fine of US\$2,000 and a suspension of two (2) years as aforesaid; and

F.1.5 in the event of an offence under Rules E.1.5 & E.1.6 herein, to a fine of US\$4,000 and a suspension of three (3) years as aforesaid.

G.0 APPLICATIONS

G.1 Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the same Disciplinary Rules shall be equally applicable to officials, delegates and representatives of a Country Member.

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

G.3 Any masculine gender so cited herein shall be equally applicable to the feminine gender.

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Appendix 1

Prize Funds - For all Championships

All Prize Funds % to be calculated on the Total Prize Money less the High Break Prize and will be rounded to the nearest \$5.00

The host country will provide all required Trophies and Certificates for all players and Officials attending the IBSF Championships

Prize Money for the Championship will be paid by the IBSF and advised prior to the commencement of the Championship.

		Prize money breakdown
Winner	- Trophy, Certificate and Medal as Champion	40%
Runner-up	- Trophy, Certificate and Medal as Runner-up	20%
3 rd place x 2	- Trophy, Certificate and Medal	20%
5 th -8 th	- Certificate for reaching the last 8	20%

The prize money percentages are all subject to the number of entries and can be adjusted by the IBSF if there are too few entries in any specific event.

All prize money subject to yearly review and will be paid by the IBSF and not be subject to any tax deductions.

Maximum 147 Break \$1470.00

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