

2018

Euro Tour Regulations



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1. General information

The Euro Tour is an International tour which consists of upto six (6) stops in 2018. The Euro Tour is organized by the IBPF (International Billiard Promotion Foundation) and the EPBF (European Pocket Billiard Federation).

1.1. Announcements

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

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

The procedure is as follows:

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

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

After registering and receiving your ID number, your registration is valid and you are able to announce for each event using the ID number you have received in combination with your E-mail address and password.

A player may request to be automatically included into all events therefore saving the individual event registration.

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

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

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

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

1.2. Payment of entry fee

1.2.1. Single entry prior to the event:

- A. **Youth 100 €:** A payment of 100 €, must be received 1 week prior to the commencement of the event for U18 players. (This means that the player can be max. 18 years old at the date of the event). If the payment of the entry fee does arrive within 1 week of the accreditation, the player has to pay 25 € extra at the accreditation and will be treated as remaining spots.
- B. **Women 100 €:** A payment of 100 €, must be received 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the event for Women players who want to participate at the Men Euro Tour events. If the entry fee payment is not in our account within 1 week prior to the event accreditation, their entry will be treated as remaining spots, which in this category start at 125 € per entry.
- C.
- D. **Others 150 €:** A payment of 150.00 €, must be received 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament for all other players. If the entry fee payment is not in our account within 1 week prior to the event accreditation, their entry will be treated as remaining spots which start at 175 € per entry .

1.2.2 Remaining spots

Places that are remaining after the above 3 categories will be available on the day of the accreditation on a first come first serve basis at 175 € up to 17.00h.

The amount of available spots will be visible via our web site. Entry fees received after the event has started will be charged an extra penalty fee of 50€. This rule is valid for all categories also under point 1.2.1.

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

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

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

1.2.3 Cancellation of announcements

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

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

If all documents are provided in due time (max. 3 weeks after the cancellation) then the entry fee will be forwarded to the next event or returned to the player.

In all other cases with exception of the above (1.3.) the entry fee will not be returned and therefore is lost.

IBPF reserve the right to issue or decline a refund.

If a player announces for the event and chooses to pay on arrival but fails to show, the payment is still binding as no official cancellation was received. The player in question will then be put on the so called „black list“ which means that the open amount entry fee first has to be paid before the player in question can enter a next Euro Tour event.

1.3 Participation eligibility

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

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

1.4 Accreditation and players meeting

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

1.5 System of the tournament

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

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

1.6 Races

9-ball is the discipline played in 2018, and races are generally to 9. The tournament director has the right to amend the races before the tournament starts.

1.7 Prize money

The prize money break down for the 6 events in 2018 are as follows:

Total prize money is € 36.000.

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

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

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

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

1.8 Ranking

The euro Tour point system for 2018 is as follows:

Winner:		550	points
Runner-up	:	480	points
3 / 4	:	420	points
5 / 8	:	370	points
9 / 16	:	330	points
17 / 32	:	300	points
33 / 48	:	235	points
49 / 64	:	230	points
65 / 96	:	200	points
97 / 128	:	180	points
129 / 192	:	160	points
193 / 223	:	140	points
224 / 256	:	120	points

After each Euro Tour stop the new ranking list will be updated on the Euro Tour website.

From the last 7 tour stops, up to 6 results will be used to form the rankings, discounting the worst result from the 7 played.

1.9 Referee's

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

1.10 Time limit

In order to better control the schedule of an event, a shot clock can be implemented at any time during or even at the start of a match and is down to the TL's discretion. After enforcing the shot clock the time for each shot is 35 seconds, with a warning after 25 seconds. Each player will be allowed one 25-second extension during each rack. The shot clock will be started when all balls come to rest, including spinning balls. The shot clock will end when the cue tip strikes the cue ball to initiate a stroke or the when player's time expires from the shot clock. If a player runs out of time, it will be a standard foul.

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

1.11 No show

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

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

1.12 Tapping of Tables

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

1.13 Dress Code

Trousers:

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

Trousers allowed (please look at following link)

Dress trousers =

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

Trousers NOT allowed (please look at following link)

Trousers with studs and jeans material =

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

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

Shirts:

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

Shoes:

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

1.14 Time-Out Regulation

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

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

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

1.15 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

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

1.16 Additional rules

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

1.17 Three point rule (only for 9-Ball)

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

Additional demands for a satisfactory break:

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

Failure to meet additional conditions:

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

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

Special notes:

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

1.18 Players Table;

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

1.19 Logo's

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

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

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

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

1.20 Sanctioned tournaments

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

1.21 Hotels and Accommodation

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

1.22 Media and TV:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.23 Program 2018:

The following dates and venues are clear for 2018:

01.03. – 03.03.	2018	Treviso	/	Italy	(9-Ball)
12.04. – 14.04.	2018	Sankt Johann I.P.	/	Austria	(9-Ball)
02.08. – 04.08.	2018	Veldhoven	/	Netherlands	(9-Ball)
20.09. – 23.09.	2018	Leende	/	Netherlands	(9-Ball)*
11.10. – 13.10.	2018	TBA	/	TBA	(9-Ball)**
15.11. – 17.11.	2018	Treviso	/	Italy	(9-Ball)

* Please note – 4 playing days !!

** TBA = To be announced

1.23 Final clause:

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