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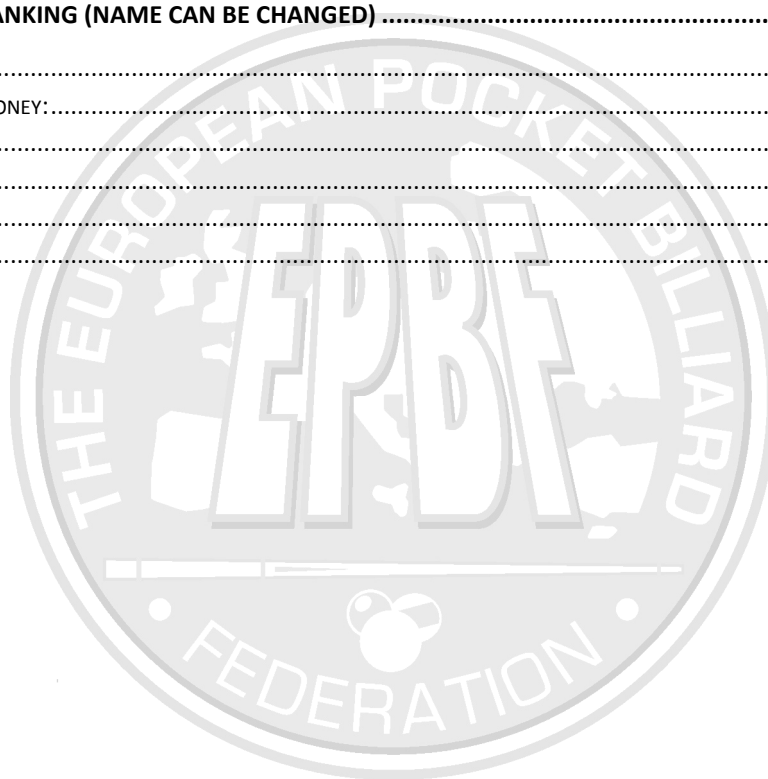
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## § Introduction:

The following provides information regarding the requirements, procedures and benefits of an international event receiving sanction by the European Pocket Billiard federation (hereinafter referred to as the EPBF).

## § 1. Categories:

During any year there are many international tournaments organised in the world of pool billiards. There are continental federations and / or the members of these federations who organise international tournaments, but overall the majority of the tournaments are organised by promoters. Of course there is a substantial difference in significance between these tournaments. To reach a clear overview, international tournaments are subdivided in the following categories:

- A. Euro Tour events
- B. International open tournaments with a minimum prize fund of € 30.000
- C. International open tournaments with prize fund between € 15.000 - 29.999 €.
- D. International open tournaments with prize fund from 4.999 to € 14.999

## § 2. Time frames for asking to sanctioning:

- A. Euro Tour events
  - Only in co-operation with EPBF / IBPF
- B. International Open tournaments with a minimum prize fund of € 30.000.00
  - Minimum 9 Months before the event will take place.
- C. International open tournaments with prize fund between € 15.000 - 29.999 €.
  - Minimum 6 Months before the event will take place.
- D. International open tournaments with prize fund up from 4.999 to € 14.999
  - Minimum 4 months before the event will take place

## § 3. When does a tournament need to be sanctioned:

Euro Tour events are sanctioned in mutual agreement by EPBF and the respective national federation. It is up to the organiser of the category B, C, D, tournaments if they want to sanction their event by EPBF or not. In any case they have to consider the sanction regulations of the national federations of the respective country. The organizer decides which category he want his tournament sanctioned for.

#### § 4. Sanction fees:

Category A:

For Euro Tour events the sanction fee is 5% of the total prize money.

Category B:

For category B events the sanction fee is 7,5% of the total prize money.

Category C:

For category C events the sanctioning fee is 200 € per playing day.

Category D:

For category D events the sanction fee is 100 € set fee.

#### § 5. Procedure:

Upon receipt of an application, the EPBF Sports Director will:

- Review the requested date in consultation with the International Sports calendar.
- Either approve or reject and suggest alternative dates.
- Inform the national federation of the respective country about the dates and ask for their approval.
- The respective national federation have to react to that request within 14 days after the application is send. (if no answer is given within this 14 days, the requested dates are sanctioned)
- The Sports Director will allocate the tournament with an event sanction number.
- The Sports Director will then inform the applicant of the following:
  - Confirm the dates that are approved.
  - The category in which the event will be classified.
  - What the total sanction costs are.
  - What terms or payments they shall be expected to pay.
  - Request completion of Sanctioning Form.

Once the above is confirmed, the organizer will provide to the EPBF Sports Director all relevant details of the event, including:

- Official name of the event.
- Name and contact details of the organiser, including postal address, telephone/fax numbers and email address.
- Name and contact details of any appointed event manager, including postal address, telephone/fax numbers and email address.

After the EPBF has issued the invoice, the Sports Director

- will place the tournament on the EPBF Sports Calendar.
- will send a EPBF logo to the organiser for use with tournament related promotional / advertising purposes.
- will request the EPBF Treasurer to advise when any payments have been made and accepted.

## § 6. What benefits does the organiser receive from the sanction.

This depends of the package / sanctioning category that a tournament deserves or is chosen by the promoter / organiser:

### Category A

1. Tournament dates on the calendar with contact info.
2. The date will be reserved and must be respected by the EPBF members.
3. The EPBF Sports Director or other representative is at the venue for technical support.
4. The event information is distributed by the EPBF to its members and the overall player database of EPBF.
5. The use of the EPBF logo for publicity purposes is allowed.
6. Points are awarded for the EPBF Ranking.
  7. The EPBF makes the medals available.
  8. Referees will be provided.
  9. All other issues that are agreed with EPBF / IBPF.

### Category B

1. Tournament dates on the calendar with contact info.
2. The date will be reserved and must be respected by the EPBF members & players.
3. If a poster will be provided (PDF format) it will be posted at the EPBF Sports calendar.
4. The Web link of the event will be published on the EPBF Open tournament webpage.
5. The event information is distributed by the EPBF to its members and the overall player database of EPBF.
6. The use of the EPBF logo for publicity purposes is allowed.
7. Points are awarded for the EPBF Sanctioned Events Ranking. (see § 10)
8. The EPBF flowchart program will be provided and have to be used.
9. EPBF will send a tournament leader & head referee. EPBF will pay for travel costs and daily allowance. Organizer pay for hotel.
10. EPBF match tables are needed (see equipment specification catalogue)
11. Tournament cloth is needed (see equipment specification catalogue)
12. Tournament balls is needed (see equipment specification catalogue)

### Additional rules for Category B.

1. The prize money must be guaranteed.
2. The prize money have to be paid to a separate EPBF account 6 weeks before the event starts. (if that is not the case, players will be informed)
3. EPBF will payout the prize money after receipt of the final results of the event by the tournament leader.

### Category C

1. Tournament dates on the calendar with contact info.
2. The date will have a protection guarantee in a 500 KM radius.
3. The Web link of the event will be published on the EPBF Open tournament webpage.
4. The event information is distributed by the EPBF to its members and the overall player database of EPBF.
5. The use of the EPBF logo for publicity purposes is allowed.
6. The EPBF flowchart program will be provided and can be used.
7. Points are awarded for the EPBF Sanctioned Events Ranking. (see § 10)

### Category D

1. Tournament dates on the calendar with contact info.
2. The tournaments in category D have no blocked dates.  
This means that in this category all the tournaments can be sanctioned that file a request.
3. Points are awarded for the EPBF Sanctioned Events Ranking. (see § 10)

## § 7. Sanctioning by National federations:

Overall.

It is clear to everybody that an organiser only has to pay a sanctioning fee once. It can't be that the organiser of a European wide sanctioned event also has to pay a sanctioning fee to the national federation. It does not happen also the other way around. The proposal is as follows:

### Category A

National federations have to give their o.k. for the dates in due consideration of the time frames (§ 2) and the procedure (§ 5). It can't be that an international tournament takes place and the national federation has their national championships for example. If the national federation accepts the dates then the sanctioning fee will be split 75 % EPBF – 25 % NF who is a member of EPBF. EPBF/IBPF will send the invoice to the promoter / organizer and collect the money. After receiving an invoice from NF, the EPBF/IBPF will transfer the 25% part to the national federation.

### Category B

National federation have to give their o.k. for the dates in due consideration of the time frames (§ 2) and the procedure (§ 5). It can't be that an international tournament takes place and the national federation has their national championship for example. If the national federation accepts the dates then the sanctioning fee will be split 90% EPBF – 10% NF who is a member of EPBF. EPBF will send the invoice to the promoter / organizer and collect the money. After receiving an invoice from NF, the EPBF will transfer the 10% part to the national federation. Sanctioning fee to NF will only be paid when the EPBF does receive the Sanctioning fee from the organizer.

### Category C

National federation have to give their o.k. for the dates in due consideration of the time frames (§ 2) and the procedure (§ 5). It can't be that an international tournament takes place and the national federation has their national championship for example. If the national federation accepts the dates then the sanctioning fee will be split 75%-25% between EPBF and the National federation who is a member of EPBF. EPBF will send the invoice to the promoter / organizer and collect the money. After receiving an invoice from NF, the EPBF will transfer the 25% part to the national federation. Sanctioning fee to NF will only be paid when the EPBF does receive the Sanctioning fee from the organizer.

## § 8. Membership

From the second half of 2009 onwards the decision is made that all participants at EPBF sanctioned events have to be a member of a national federation of the EPBF or, if there is no EPBF member federation in the country where the player holds the passport, become a direct member of the EPBF. The EPBF statutes will give further information about this subject.

This means that for the tournament categories A + B the players have to proof their membership if that is requested.

In order to create a workable situation for the tournament categories D, E and F the normal sanctioning fee will be raised with 50€. By paying this 50€ all players who are not a member of an EPBF member receive the membership only for that particular event.

## § 9. Application for sanctioning

Everybody who wants to file an application for sanctioning can only do so by sending the request via the official application form. (This form will be part of this catalogue after the GA decided upon acceptance of this catalogue).

If the procedure in case of application was success full the EPBF members have to accept the official dates into their respective sports calendar without any restrictions.

## § 10. EPBF Sanctioned Events Ranking

### §10.1 Ranking overall:

The EPBF do want to create a Men and Women EPBF Sanctioned Events Ranking. This means that it is of course allowed for Women athletes to play in the main event with the men but no matter what the end result is, this women athlete will not get points for the EPBF Sanctioned Events Ranking Men.

Women Athletes can only be awarded with ranking points if a separate women event will be held.

### §10.2 Prize fund – Prize money:

An event can be sanctioned only if the amount of prize money is guaranteed prize money. This means that the event / organizer needs to put in the application form and invitation a clear amount of prize money and guarantee this amount. It is not allowed to add costs of a banquet, extra prizes like IPAD or other smart tricks into the prize fund.

Only the amount of guaranteed prize money does decide which sanctioning category is valid.

### §10.3 Format:

- A. An event can only be sanctioned if there is only one inscription possibility. This means that a sanctioning can't be allowed if an event does give the possibility to "buy in" again after a player is out of the tournament.
- B. At an event more disciplines can be played but only 1 event / discipline can be valid for sanctioning. The decision which event that is, is up to the organizer but needs to be decided before the event and have to be mentioned at the application form and event invitation.
- C. An event can only be sanctioned if the qualifying levels are played with the same discipline as the single elimination level.
- D. An event can have their own format when it comes to the qualifying levels, but each event needs to end with a single elimination level.
- E. An event can only be sanctioned if all players start at the same level. This means that a sanctioning can't be allowed if at an event players have already seeded into the single Elimination level.

### §10.4 Rewarding points:

- A. Points will be awarded only from result of the Single Elimination level.
- B. Results of the Single elimination level have to be send maximum 4 weeks after the event to the EPBF in excel format to be included in the EPBF Sanctioned Events Ranking.
- C. Only players who are a member of the EPBF structure will receive ranking points. If it turns out that after publication of the ranking a player is not a member of the EPBF structure, he / she will be removed from the ranking.



**§10.5 Amount of points:**

Like stated before only points will be awarded for the single elimination level of an event. Of course it is clear that how higher the amount of participants at a single elimination level how higher the points.

**A. Single Elimination level with 4 participants**

Winner	100 Points
Runner-up	75 Points
3rd place	50 Points

**B. Single Elimination level with 8 participants**

Winner	150 points
Runner-up	125 points
3rd place	100 points
5th place	50 points

**C. Single Elimination level with 16 participants**

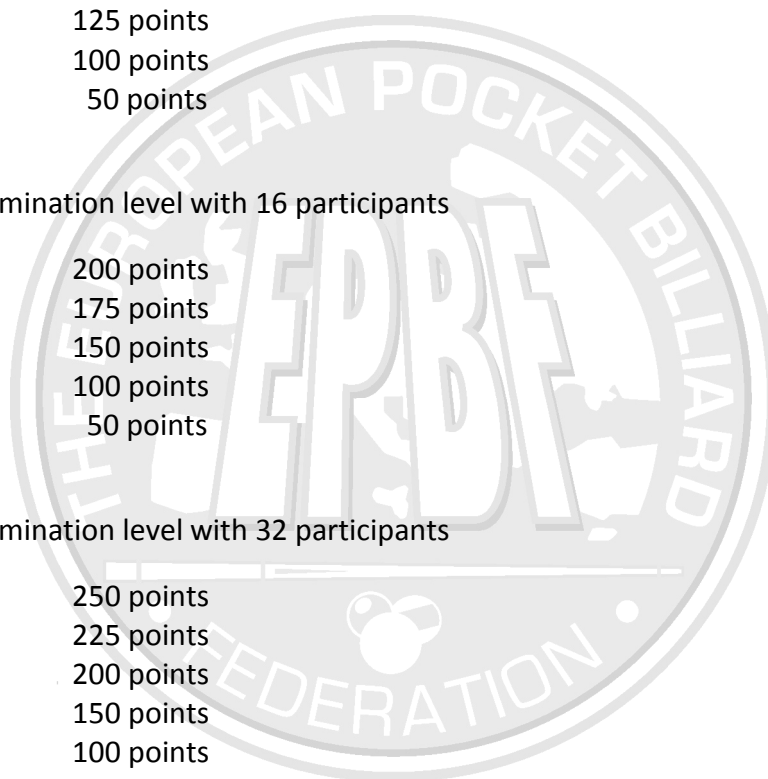
Winner	200 points
Runner-up	175 points
3rd place	150 points
5th place	100 points
9th place	50 points

**D. Single Elimination level with 32 participants**

Winner	250 points
Runner-up	225 points
3rd place	200 points
5th place	150 points
9th place	100 points
17th place	50 points

**E. Single elimination level with 64 participants**

Winner	325 points
Runner-up	300 points
3rd place	275 points
5th place	225 points
9th place	175 points
17th place	125 points
33rd place	75 points



## F. Single elimination level with 96 participants

Winner	375 points
Runner-up	350 points
3rd place	325 points
5th place	275 points
9th place	225 points
17th place	175 points
33rd place	125 points
65th place	100 points

Ranking points for B-category events will be multiplied by 2

Ranking points for C-category events will be multiplied by 1.5

Ranking points for D-category events will be multiplied by 1

**§10.6 Examples:**

C- category events does have a single elimination level with 64 players. Runner-up does receive 300 points and the amount will be multiplied by 1.5 which means 450 points.

B-category event does have a single elimintaion level with 32 players. Winner does receive 250 points and the amount will be multiplied by 2 which means 500 points.

**§10.7 Rankings:**

Each year the rankings start again from 0. All points from the year before will be deleted.

**§10.8 Rewards:**

At the end of each year the Nr. 1 and the Nr. 2 of the ranking do receive a spots for a World Championship. It depends on the WPA which World Championship will be held but the spots will be awarded then in the following order of championship:

1. 9-Ball
2. 10-Ball
3. 8-Ball

If no World Championship will be held in that particular year then the spot has been lost.