



The Eurotour Regulations 2012

1.0. General information

The Euro Tour is an International tour which consists of five (5) stops in 2012. The Euro Tour is organized by the IBPF (International Billiard Promotion Foundation) and the EPBF (European Pocket Billiard Federation).

1.1 Annoucements and Entry fee

If possible two (2) months ahead of the Euro Tour the EPBF 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 have 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 you registration is processed and (2) with your player ID and all further filled out details

After the registration procedure is finished (this is the case if a player received the 2nd confirmation E-mail with the details and player ID) the player can announce for a Euro Tour event. This announcement procedure have to be followed by those players who want to announce per event. The players who did announce for the Whole year/all tournaments, don't have to announce separately.

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 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. All 5 Tournaments; (maximum allowed 100 full payments)

One payment of €500.00 prior to the start of the first event, first come first serve basis, only the first 100 will receive this discount.

If a player want to use this offer, then please send an E-mail stating that you want to announce for all events to gre.leenders@planet.nl

2. Single entry prior to the event:

Payment of €125.00_ must be received 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament. Confirmation of payment will be given, any late payments will be returned with any costs belonging to the sender.

3. Remaining spots

Places that are remaining after the above 2 categories will be available on the day of the accreditation on a first come first serve basis at €150.00 up to 19.00h. The amount of available spots will be available via our web site. Entry fee received after 19.00h on the accreditation day will be charged at €200.00

Where possible, the draw will be made prior to the tournament with players who have paid in the first 2 categories able to see when they have to play. Players in category 3 will be drawn into the remaining blank spots on the accreditation day.

Refunds after payment of entry fee will only be given if sickness is proved with a valid doctor's certificate or in such cases as flight cancellation provided sufficient notice is given. IBPF reserve the right to issue or decline a refund.

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

1.3 Cancellation of announcements

If a player announced himself for a Euro Tour event and 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 send by writing minimum one week before the accreditation start of the event to the tour manager.

The paid entree fee will then be forwarded to the next event or can be paid back to the player.

Cancellations within one week of the accreditation start of the event, can only be accepted if the player is sick or have an accident or an accureness in that direction. All cancellations within a week of the accreditation start of the event need a certification from a dokter or police in order to make sure that the entree fee is not lost.

If all documents are provided in the date then the entry fee will be forwarded to the next event.

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

If it turned out that a player announced himself for the event and did not pay the entry fee upfront because he decided to pay at the venue, and do not show up, the entry fee is still to pay. The player in question will then be put on the so called „black list“ which means that the open entry fee first have to be paid before the player in question can enter a next Euro Tour event.

For players who did announce for the whole year the cancellation procedure is the same as above but it is only allowed to cancel once to keep the status of Whole year announcement.(100 € per event) At the second cancellation the status Whole year announcement will be cancelled and the entry fee for the events already played or to come will be 125€ per 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.

1.4 Accreditation and players meeting

All players are obligated to check at the accreditation desk and participate in the players meeting. 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 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

The Eurotour consists of five tournaments in 2012, 9-ball and 10-ball are the preferred games. Races are generally 9-ball to 9 and 10-ball to 8. 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 5 events in 2012 are as follows:

Total prize money is €34.000.

Winner	:	(01)	€	3.400,00
Runner-up	:	(01)	€	2.200,00
3rd	:	(02)	€	1.400,00
5th	:	(04)	€	1.000,00
9th	:	(08)	€	900,00
17th	:	(16)	€	600,00
33rd	:	(16)	€	300,00

All prize money will be paid by bank. The players who should receive prize money at an event have 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 3 weeks after the event.

5% of the prize money will be deducted automatically as sanctioning fee for EPBF.

1.8 Ranking

The euro Tour point system for 2012 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.

Because of the European Open (See point 1.24) in 2012 there will be no extra bonus for the winner of the ranking at the end of the year.

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, each match can be given a certain time limit. Should after 50% of the announced duration of a match, less than 50% of the race-to average has been scored, a shot clock can be implemented which is down to the TL 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.

1.11 No show

Players must be at the table and ready to play their assigned match at the appointed match time. If a player is late for his appointed match time, he will have fifteen 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 given time the following procedure is in force. 1 minute late = 1 game to the oponent, 6 minutes = 2 games, 11 minutes = 3 games. When 15 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 15 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

All players must be dressed according to the EPBF Dress Code 'B'.

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, only during the players own break. 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 the event. Additional changes must be announced with the invitation and or at the players meeting..

1.17 Break box (Used at 9-Ball & 10-Ball)

A line is drawn 420mm from the edge of the cushion on both sides parallel with the side cushion from the kitchen line to the head rail creating 3 segments (boxes) of almost equal proportion. These boxes are known as inside and outside. For 9-ball, the middle box is used (inside box) and for 10-ball the outside boxes are used.

1.18 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 (excluded from this rule: Wheelchairs and Girls):

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.

1.19 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 Eurotour series belongs to the European Pocket Billiard Federation and is a Sanctioned event. In the event of a collision of Sanctioned tournaments, the player agrees that priority is given to the Eurotour series. Participation at any Non-Sanctioned event is prohibited.

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.

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 Eurotour 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.wpbf.com.

1.23 European Open

The “European Open” will end the Euro Tour year 2012 and will be organised as final event. Top 32 players after the Euro Tour in Italy (April 2012) will be qualified automatically.

Not all details are defined yet but the following details are clear already:

- a. Total prize money will be €75.000.00
- b. 32 qualifying events will be held in Europe from April till September 2012
- c. Numbers 1 and 2 of the qualifiers will be qualified for the European Open

Further details of the event will be announced by the end of January 2012.

1.25 Program 2012

The following dates and venues are clear for 2012:

01.03. – 03.03.	2012	Sarajevo	/	Bosnia & Hercegovina	(9-Ball)
19.04. – 21.04.	2012	Treviso	/	Italy	(10-Ball)
31.05. – 02.06.	2012	St. Johann i. P.	/	Austria	(9-Ball)
16.08. – 18.08.	2012	Brandenburg	/	Germany	(10-Ball)
11.10. – 13.10	2012	TBA	/	TBA	(TBA)
08.11. – 10.11.	2012	TBA	/	TBA	(TBA)

The last 2 events have to be determined. One of these events will be the European Open. (See point 1.23)

1.26 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.

Euro Tour 2012

I hereby agree that I received, read and accept the 2012 Euro Tour Regulations.

I agree to the conditions of entry annexed hereto and abide the rules contained herein.

Signed by)
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PARTICIPATION AT THE EURO TOUR EVENTS IN 2012 IS ONLY POSSIBLE WHEN EPBF / IBPF RECEIVED THE SIGNED PAGE OF THESE REGULATIONS.

IF THIS SIGNED PAGE IS NOT IN THE POSSION OF EPBF / IBPF THE PARTICIPATION CAN BE DENIED.