

2024

Euro Tour Regulations Men& Women



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1. General information;

The Men's Euro Tour and the Women's Euro Tour are International tours which consist of up to six (6) stops in 2024 each, organized by the International Billiard Promotion Foundation (IBPF) and the European Pocket Billiard Federation (EPBF).

2. Announcements;

If possible, the organizer will upload the announcement form on the Euro Tour website one(1) months prior to the respective event start, also mentioning the date for announcement deadline.

Before an athlete can announce for an event, he / she needs to register (make an personal account) 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: <https://www.epbf.com/player/registration/>
- B. Fill out the details as requested.
- C. Click the box „I agree to the EPBF Terms & conditions“
- D. Click submit registration

Each athlete will then receive a „confirmation link“ with regards to the registration and then the athlete ID will be confirmed.

After clicking at the confirmation link, your registration (personal account) 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. If you don't receive a confirmation link then there is an issue with regards to the link to the profile from the previous (old) registration. Therefore, if you do not receive a confirmation mail, please contact gre.leenders@planet.nl directly.

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

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

- a. Go to the website www.epbf.com
- b. Log-in at your personal account by using your registered E-mail address and Password.
- c. Once you did log-in then click at „tournaments Open for registration“.
(Then you will see the ET events that are open for registration to your profile)
- d. Click at the event that you want to register for.
- e. Then click at „announce“ (right upper corner)
(Then you are announced for the ET of your choice)

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

- Payment via bank transfer with IBAN / BIC
- Payment via IDEAL (only for Dutch athletes)
- Payment via KLARNA (only for athletes from Germany)
- Payment via STRIPE (directly via the EuroTour-website)

Please note, that for payments via STRIPE also a Master-, Visa- or Debit-Card can be used. In that case, an additional transfer fee of 5,00 Euro will be charged.

3. Payment of entry fee;

ET Men:

Single entry prior to the event:

- A. **U17 & U19 athletes - 100 €:** A payment of 100 €, must be received 1 week prior to the commencement of the event for U19 athletes. (This means that the athlete 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 athlete has to pay 50 € extra at the accreditation and will be treated as remaining spots.
- B. **Women athletes - 100 €:** (Only if it is possible for Women athletes to participate at the Men Euro Tour) A payment of 100 €, must be received 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the event for Women athletes 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 150 € per entry.
- C. **Other athletes - 200 €:** A payment of 200.00 €, must be received 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament for all other athletes. 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 250 € per entry .

ET Women:

Single entry prior to the event:

An entry fee of € 100,00 is due and must be received one (1) week prior to the commencement of the tournament. The entry fee increases by €50,00 if paid at accreditation respectively €75,00 if paid after the event-start.

3.1.1 Remaining spots:

ET Men:

Places that are remaining after the above will be available on the day of the accreditation on a first come first serve basis at 250 € 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 75€. This rule is valid for all categories and events.

ET Women:

Places that are remaining after the above will be available on the day of the accreditation on a first come first serve basis at 150 € up to 21.00h.

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 75€. This rule is valid for all categories and events.

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

4. Draw;

The draw will be published latest after the athletes meeting held at the accreditation date.

5. Cancellation of announcements;

If an athlete 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.

Cancellations within one (1) week prior to the accreditation start of the event can only be accepted free of charge, if the athlete is sick or has an accident or an event in that direction. In these cases, the athlete is obliged to verify these circumstances conveniently, for example through a doctor's certificate or an official accident notification.

Only if all documents are provided in due time, max. two (2) weeks after the cancellation, the entry fee will be forwarded to the next event or returned to the athlete. In all other cases, the entry fee will not be returned and therefore is lost.

The only exception to this is if an athlete is denied participation on the basis of 5. (Participation eligibility.)

IBPF reserve the right to issue or decline a refund.

If an athlete 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 athlete's account will be blocked which means that the open amount entry fee first has to be paid before the Athlete in question can enter a next Euro Tour event.

6. Participation eligibility;

An athlete is eligible to participate as a representative of the nation for which they hold a valid passport. Athletes 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 athlete.

Athletes 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 athlete 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.

7. Accreditation and athletes meeting;

The athletes meeting will be held around 19.00h (Men ET) and around 21:00h (Women ET) on the day of accreditation, it is advisable for all athletes to be present as the latest changes are announced. Athletes 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 EuroTour website and on the board at the venue after the athletes meeting.

8. Tournament format;

ET Men:

All Men's Euro Tour stops are tournaments with a maximum of 256 athletes, unless announced differently, and the tournament starts with double knock-out. Single knock-out starts from the last 32. The tournament is played with 32 seeded athletes, which will be determined by EPBF / IBPF.

Tournament flowcharts are separated in eight (8) groups of 32 athletes, from each group four (4) athletes are qualified into the knock out stage.

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

ET Women:

All Women's Euro Tour stops (WET) are tournaments with a maximum of 64 players, unless announced differently, and the tournament starts with double knock-out.

The following format applies for the ET Women, depending at the amount of participants:

Up to 24 participants – 8 single elimination

25-48 participants 16 elimination

49-64 participants 32 elimination

The tournament is played with 8 seeded players, based on the current Women's Euro Tour Ranking prior to the respective event. The format of the Women's Euro Tour can be changed by the tournament management.

9. Discipline & Races;

ET Men:

9-Ball (3 events) and / 10-Ball (3 events) is the discipline played in 2024 with races to 9 (9-Ball) and race to 8 (10-Ball) all rounds. The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend the races before the tournament starts.

ET Women:

9-Ball (3 events) and / 10-Ball (3 events) is the discipline played in 2024 with races to 7 (9-Ball) and race to 6 (10-Ball) all rounds. The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend the races before the tournament starts.

10. Prizemoney;

10.1. General Conditions

All prize money will be solely paid via bank transfer. The entitled athletes must ensure that they have provided the administration with the correct bank details. If the bank details are supplied, the prize money will be at the athlete's account within max. four (4) weeks after the event.

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

ET Men:

The prize money break down for the first event in 2024 is as follows:

Total prize money is € 45.000.

Winner	:	(01)	€	6.000,00
Runner-up	:	(01)	€	4.600,00
3rd	:	(02)	€	3.000,00
5th	:	(04)	€	1.500,00
9th	:	(08)	€	1.000,00
17th	:	(16)	€	600,00
33rd	:	(16)	€	300,00

After the first ET event in 2024 the situation will be evaluated on the prize money for the rest of 2024 will be determined after that event.

ET Women:

The total prize-money per event will be 100% of the respective entry-fees plus an added fee of 4.500,00 € paid by Predator & EPBF.

The prize money break down for 2024 is as follows:

Winner	23%	(1)
Runner-up	15%	(1)
3rd place	11%	(2)
5th place	6%	(4)
9th place	2%	(8)

11. Rankings, Points;

For both, the Men's Euro Tour and the Women's Euro Tour, the point system 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 :	275	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 Men, the new ranking lists will be updated on the Euro Tour website. From the last seven (7) tour stops, up to six (6) results will be used to form the rankings, discounting the worst result from the seven (7) played.

After each Euro Tour stop Women, the new ranking lists will be updated on the Euro Tour website. From the last six (6) tour stops, up to five (5) results will be used to form the rankings, discounting the worst result from the six (6) played.

12. 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 athletes are responsible for match scoring through the equipment supplied and are responsible for calling the referee when needed.

13. Time limit / shot clock;

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 athlete 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 athlete's time expires from the shot clock. If an athlete 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.

14. No show;

Athletes 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 an athlete is late for his appointed match time (which is 30 minutes before the time mentioned at the flowchart), he / she will have a maximum of twenty minutes to report to his assigned table ready to play or he will lose the match. If an athlete 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 an athlete 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 athlete is disqualified. Should both athletes 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.

15. Tapping of Tables;

ET Men & ET Women 9-Ball event:

At the Eurotour Men & Women, the tables are tapped in case of a 9-Ball event. The 9-ball position of the racked balls will be moved upwards so that the 9-ball is placed on the spot. Athletes must never tap the tables; only tournament officials should tap or re-tap the racking area if required.

ET Men & Women 10-Ball event:

When racking in 10-ball a traditional triangle should be used. Tapping of the table or racking with a racking template will not be allowed.

16. Dress Code;**Shirts:**

Shirts can be of any design providing it has a collar, short sleeve or long sleeve and any colour. Bottom-up vest and undershirt are allowed as long as it is either matching the shirt colour or is white or black. Shirts must be tucked inside trousers and must be long enough that when stretching over the table, no body skin should be visible. In the Women division shirts can be outside trousers, but no body skin should be visible.

It is not allowed to wear: T-shirts or extra clothing on top of the shirt in the form of a jumper/sweater or a National Federation tracksuit.

Shoes:

Shoes can either be dress shoes or sports shoes. Dress shoes can be of any colour and must be made of leather or leatherlike material. Sports shoes must be all black, including the sole. It is not allowed to wear sneakers or sandals.

Trousers:

Dress and chino style trousers of any colour that are clean and in good condition are to be used. Trousers with studs, chains, side pockets below the thigh, as well as jeans and trousers of denim or corduroy material are not allowed. Socks covering skin are to be worn if the trousers do not reach the top of the shoe when standing.

For women, girls and ladies divisions, black or divided skirt are allowed.

Each dress code violation can result in a €50 fine. If you are told of a dress code violation during your match by the tournament officials you are required to pay the fine immediately after that match is finished. The only exception to this rule are first time athletes.

17. Time-Out Regulation;

One (1) time-out for each athlete 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 athlete 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 an athlete violate this rule a second time, the athlete will be disqualified from the discipline and/or event.

Any athlete who has a medical condition that requires an exception to any rules, must provide a doctors certificate to the tournament leader before the event starts.

18. 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 athletes may have been given at the athletes meeting at the start of the tournament.

19. 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 athletes meeting.

20. Three ball rule (only for 9-Ball);

In order to avoid that athletes 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. The three ball rule is explained in detail in the EPBF Sports Regulations.

21. Athletes Table;

Each athlete has the responsibility to remove anything that they brought to the table, including the likes of drinks, paper, etc. Rubbish bins will be provided close to the tables and the athlete must remove their own rubbish & leave their table as they received it. **Talcum powder is forbidden.**

22. Logo's;

Athletes 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, athletes may be required to wear the logo of the main sponsor in the Semi finals and final.

Athletes 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.

23. 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 athlete 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).

24. Hotels and Accommodation;

Bookings and hotel obligations will be available prior to the event with the official 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 athlete can find at the event invitations. An athlete is required to stay a minimum of 2 nights (Men ET) or 1 night (Women ET) in the offered athletes hotel with the first night being the Accreditation day.

25. 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 athlete in the Series and the exploitation of the Athlete'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 athlete to the Promoter.

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

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

The athlete 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 athlete 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.

Athletes 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.

26. Shuttle service offered;

If a shuttle service Airport-Hotel/venue – Airport is offered and booked by the athletes the payment of this service need to paid by the athlete(s) themselves. How to pay the fee for this service will be communicated by the administration. Payment of the fee will be required latest at the final day of the event. Failure to pay the shuttle service will incur a penalty of € 50 added to the shuttle service fee owed. Also you might be excluded from further shuttle arrangements at future events.

27. Program 2024 (as per 01.01.2024);

The following dates and venues are clear for 2024:

ET Men:

15.02. – 17.02.	2024	Tallin	/	Estonia	(9-Ball)
11.04. – 13.04.	2024	TBA	/	TBA	(10-Ball)
23.05. – 25.05.	2024	St. Johann I.P.	/	Austria	(9-Ball)
01.08. – 03.08.	2024	TBA	/	TBA	(10-Ball)
22.08. – 24.08.	2024	Treviso	/	Italy	(10-Ball)
14.11. – 16.11.	2024	Belek - Antalya	/	Turkey	(9-Ball)

ET Women:

17.02. – 18.02.	2024	Tallin	/	Estonia	(9-Ball)
13.04. – 14.04.	2024	TBA	/	TBA	(10-Ball)
25.05. – 26.05.	2024	St. Johann I.P.	/	Austria	(9-Ball)
03.08. – 04.08.	2024	TBA	/	TBA	(10-Ball)
24.08. – 25.08.	2024	Treviso	/	Italy	(10-Ball)
16.11. – 17.11.	2024	Belek - Antalya	/	Turkey	(9-Ball)

28. 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