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## 1 Intro

- **Goals**

Primary goal is to match and develop the best Nordic players as well as possible. It is also a chance to expose the game in the Nordic media.

- **Background**

The Nordic Billiard Council (NBC) held a meeting to discuss Nordic cooperation and possibilities. We decided to make a draft, trying to re-launch the Nordic Snooker Championship.

- **Arrangement**

The Nordic Snooker Championship is an annual event. Specific dates are decided by the hosting association. Applications to host the event must be sent to NBC. NBC must then choose a host, and answer all applications. From that point, the hosting association has all responsibilities.

## 2 Tournament

- **Participants**

The Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) all have eight spots in the tournament. This makes 40 players in total. If a nation decides not to use all spots, the remaining is considered wild cards, and will be distributed by the hosting association. All players must have a player license and citizenship or permanent residence in the country he/she represents.

### 2.2

#### A) Format

The tournament will start with eight groups. Group stage will be played best of five frames. Two players from each group proceeds to the 1/8 knock out stage. Group standings is decided by matches won and framescore +/- in that order. If two players are still equal, the result of their match decides the outcome. If the group still can't be decided, the highest break decides the outcome. The knock out stage is played best of seven frames, and there are no matches to decide the secondary positions.

#### B) Seeding for the Knock out stage

On completion of the Round Robin Stages, the qualifiers will be seeded as follows.

#### Seeding Group Winners

- Players with No losses in their Groups will be seeded first.
  - a) With the same number of matches played in all Groups, the Frame Difference will decide the

seeding. If the Frame Difference is the same for two or more, a draw will settle the seeding positions.

b) With a different number of matches played in any Group, the Frame Average will decide the seeding. If the Frame Average is the same for two or more, a draw will settle the seeding positions.

- Players with ONE loss will be seeded next. Players with TWO losses will be seeded next. When the winners have been seeded, they will be placed in the following order from the top of the draw sheet. The Group winners will be seeded from 1 to 8. The Number 2 of each group will be ranked and then seeded from 9 to 16 into the opposite half of their own group winner, who they can only meet in the Final. And in the highest available spot

- Draw

The players must be enrolled on a ranked list, used to determine the groups. Wild cards will always be seeded last. One player per nation per group. Except if a nation has more than 8 players due to wild cards. The host association is responsible for the draw.

## 2.4 Rules

We play by the official World Snooker rules. For dresscode and time rules, see 5.1, 5.2.  
<http://www.worldsnooker.com/page/RulesofSnooker>

## **3 Hosting association**

### 3.1 Tournament management

The host association must name a tournament committee to plan the championship and run the tournament.

- Invitations

Invitations must be sent as early as possible, but at least one month before the last entry date. Invitations must contain address for entry, final dates and place for the tournament, suggestions for suitable accommodation and details for payment.

- Referees

The host association is responsible for gathering referees. But if a nation brings a suitable official, please volunteer. There are no license requirements for referees.

### 3.4 Media

Results must be available online the same day. Live scoring or streaming is optional, but encouraged. As much media attention as possible will increase chances of sponsors.

- Tournament program

All players must receive a printed program with time schedules.

- Trophies and prize money

Trophies or medals for the top four players. The prize money must be at least the amount of the entry fees. Distributed 50% for the winner, 25% for runner up and 12,5% for each of the losing semi.finalists. Additional prize money is distributed by the host association.

#### **4 Participating association**

- Entry

Participating associations are responsible for enrolling their players on time. The list must be ranked. Payment as instructed on invitation. Entry fee is set at 50 euro per player.

- Travel and accomodation

The invitation must contain suggestions for accomodation. But booking and paying for travel and accomodation is on the participating association.

#### **5 Players**

##### 5.1 Be on time

All players must be present and suitably dressed at the listed match time. 1 minute delay costs the first frame. 15 minutes delay will result in DQ.

- Dresscode

Dress shoes, dress trousers, shirt with long sleeves and a waistcoat. Butterfly is optional.

- Matchplay

During matchplay without designated referee. Players must count opponents points out loud, besides picking up and replacing potted balls while opponent has the table.