

b) Associate membership, with a voice and 1 vote £250.

This allows the Country to enter a teams in the Men's A - B - C disciplines.
Players in the Team event are allowed to enter the Singles.

c) Affiliate membership, with a voice and no vote £100.

This allows a Country to only enter a maximum of 2 players in the:
Men's- Ladies – Junior – Under 23 – Wheelchair – Seniors individual event disciplines.

Affiliate membership will be granted free of charge to new members for their first year as members only.

The Annual General Meeting shall set the level of the membership fees, these fees shall be due and payable at the applicable rate at least one month before the AGM of each year.

2. An organisation requesting membership to the EEPF must be a players organisation and representing the players and be the leading organisation in its country wishing to play EEPF rules in international events and also must seek the approval of their respective Governments. Under special circumstances the Board may waive this criteria.
3. Members may only be affiliated to one national or international governing body.
4. A list of members and officials shall be produced and circulated to all member countries to advise members of any changes.
5. The board of the EEPF has the right to accept new members provisionally and recommend acceptance to the members. A General meeting shall make the final decision on acceptance of a new member. On acceptance a new member shall be entitled to all rights and benefits accorded to their level of membership.
6. All members agree to acknowledge and to follow the constitution, rules and any supplementary rules of the EEPF that may be applicable at any given time.
7. The EEPF members accept its tournament and championship rules for international events. The EEPF wishes to harmonise the rules in each member country, however each member retains its independence in relation to their own national events. Article 5 item 5 must be observed.
8. Members must obtain authority from the board of the EEPF for their players to enter non EEPF international events. Article 5 item 5 must be observed.
9. Members shall provide the Secretary of the EEPF, details of their membership structure and the number of player members they have in their organisation.(see Bonuses)
10. Members must supply the following to the secretary by 8th of January of each year.
 - Current constitution.
 - List of current committee members, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer minimum, along with, phone, email and address details.
 - Full list of their planned events organised within their own country.
 - Date of next AGM, Last AGM minutes, these should contain reports of the Chair person and the Secretary.

SECTION 3: **ACCEPTANCE, RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

Article 5. **Acceptance of new members**

1. The request for membership to EEPF must be in writing, addressed to the Secretary.
2. Applicants must be current members of the World Eight-ball Pool Federation (WEPF).
3. Any European member of the WEPF must also be a member of the EEPF.
4. The following documents (in duplicate) must be sent with the request;
 - Constitution and rules of the organisation requesting membership.
 - Names and addresses of the officials of the governing body (committee, commission etc.).
 - Number of affiliated clubs and the number of their members.
 - A copy of the minutes of the meeting which decided to request membership.
5. The EEPF only accept countries as members that play the rule set as laid down by the WEPF, this to be applied above local league level.
6. EEPF members can only use the WEPF rule set for playing international qualifying events.

Article 6. **Loss of membership**

1. Membership shall cease on resignation or expulsion from the EEPF
2. Resignation from the EEPF will only be possible at the end of a financial year following the date of a written notice addressed to the Secretary six months in advance and after fulfilment of all financial obligations to the EEPF.
3. Expulsion from the EEPF will be considered on the following grounds;
 - a) Default in meeting financial obligations to EEPF.
 - b) Serious international violation of the constitution and rules of the EEPF, as well as non-compliance with decisions taken by General Meetings.
 - c) Incorrect behaviour which may damage the sport or the image of the EEPF.
 - d) A member ceasing to be a leading and representative organisation in the sport in its own country.
4. Expulsion because of default to meet financial obligations will be automatic but will have to be confirmed by a General Meeting, by a simple majority. Before the decision becomes valid, the respective member must be notified in writing. If after this notification the member fails to meet its obligations within 60 days of the notice then the expulsion becomes legally binding.
5. Expulsion on the grounds mentioned in b), c) or d) can only be decided upon by a General Meeting with a 2/3 majority of the valid votes cast.

SECTION 4. **ORGANISATION OF THE EEPF**

Article 7. **Financial year and Sports year**

1. The financial year shall be from AGM to AGM
2. The sports year shall correspond with the calendar year.

Article 8. **Meeting quorums**

1. All institutions of the EEPF, with the exception of the General Assembly, shall constitute a quorum if at least half plus one of the members eligible to vote are present.

Article 9. **Definition of the majorities and election procedures**

1. Votes and elections require a simple majority, as long as the constitution or rules do not require a different specified majority. i.e; the candidate or the proposal receiving the most votes, will be elected or accepted.
2. If the constitution or rules require a specified majority, the candidate or the proposal receiving half of the votes plus one, will be elected or accepted.
3. If the constitution or rules require a two thirds majority, the candidate or the proposal receiving at least two thirds of the valid votes cast, will be elected or accepted.
4. Should any vote result in parity, there will be a second ballot. Should there again be a parity of votes, then the Chairman will have a casting vote.
5. Should there be more than two candidates in an election, the proceedings shall be as follows;
1st ballot: The candidate who reaches a majority of the votes will be elected.
If no candidate attains at this result, there shall be a,-
2nd ballot: The candidate receiving most of the votes cast shall be elected.

SECTION 5. EXECUTIVE BODY OF THE EEPF

Article 10. In general

1. The General Meeting is the highest institution of the EEPF. The General meeting shall take place each year to coincide with the European Eight-ball Pool Championships, on a date and place fixed by the Executive committee.
2. An ordinary called General Meeting shall constitute a quorum irrespective of the number of votes present.
3. The General Meeting shall be presided over by the President of the federation, or his/her substitute. It is at the discretion of the President to call his/her substitute or a delegate, to preside over the meeting, should the next point on the agenda be the Presidents re-election.
4. Each member nations delegate(s) shall be the responsible representative(s) for Pool and recognised by the national member federation.
5. Executive members of the EEPF shall not represent their national federation as delegates at the General Meeting of the EEPF.
6. The Elected Executive committee of the EEPF have the power to make whatever decisions that they may see fit on the day to day running of the Federation.

Article 11. **Convention and notification dates**

1. Ten weeks before the date of the General Meeting, the members shall be informed in writing of the date, time and place of the meeting.
2. This notification shall include a notice that items for the agenda should be received in writing, within three weeks of the date of notification (ie; 7 weeks before the date of the meeting). Also the minutes of the last General Meeting shall be sent if they have not been previously circulated.
3. The member nations shall be informed of the final agenda four weeks before the meeting. Amendments in writing, will be accepted up to two weeks before the meeting.

4. A motion cannot be represented for a two year period once it has been discussed unless exceptional circumstances prevail.
5. The General Meeting shall decide upon late submissions.

Article 12. Powers of the General Meeting

1. The General Meeting discusses and decides on all points of the agenda.
2. The agenda shall include the following points;
 - a) approval of the agenda, motions may not be represented unless a two year period has elapsed unless special circumstances prevail.
 - b) approval of the minutes of the last General Meeting,
 - c) checking and approval of the annual reports from-
 - the President
 - the Vice President
 - the Secretary
 - the Treasurer and the Auditors
 - any other officially appointed sub-committee, with a report
 - d) discharge of the Executive Committee and the Auditors
 - e) acceptance, expulsion or suspension of member federations
 - f) election of Executive Committee members and Auditors
 - g) fixing membership fees, tournament fees, as well as other levies or fees
 - h) approval of any budget for the coming financial year
 - i) recommendations from the Executive Committee - *and*
 - j) discussion and voting on proposals
3. Before considering a proposal that has been submitted late, or at the General Meeting, the item must be agreed to by the delegates with a 2/3 majority.
4. The General Meeting may delegate certain tasks wholly or in part to the board or executive committee.
5. Changes to the articles or rules, or their total revision must appear on the agenda within the prescribed period and require a 2/3 majority.

Article 13. Right to vote and eligibility

1. One or more delegates (maximum of 3) shall represent each member country. All delegates have to be announced to the General Secretary before the meeting, giving their name(s) as well as the name of their organisation.
2. Each member country is allowed votes according to their membership status.
3. The board or executive committee members are not entitled to vote at the General Meeting, with the exception of the President in the case of a casting vote.
4. As a general rule, votes and elections shall be conducted openly, by simple majority, it can however if circumstances dictate, be decided by secret ballot.
5. Decisions taken by the General Meeting shall be effective immediately. However decisions concerning sport technical matters, such as rules, shall become effective from the start of the next playing season following the General Meeting.
6. Player eligibility.

- a) Only players recognised and endorsed by their National Association / Federation, are eligible to represent their Country in the W.E.P.F. World, European and Home Internationals or other full International matches.

(Full international match being defined as;- Any match between two member countries, excluding any friendly match with any other team or teams, in either Singles or Team events. Members need to advise the WEPF of any match they consider being a friendly).

- b) To qualify to become a recognised player for a member country, a player must meet one of the following criteria:
- i. Must have been born in the country he / she wishes to play for:
OR:
 - ii. Must have a parent born in the country he / she wishes to play for:
OR:
 - iii. Must have a Grandparent born in the country he/she wishes to play for:
OR:
 - iv. Must hold Citizenship for the country he / she wishes to play for:
 - v. An individual should be able to play for his/her country of residence after 10 years.
- c) No player will be allowed to play for another Country, once he / she has played for any country, unless the player emigrates and takes up the nationality of that Country.
- d) Clarity on the eligibility of all players regarding playing underage pool for one country before playing senior pool for another country. Providing eligibility can be proven and selected, a player can participate for his/her chosen/adopted country regardless of whether or not he/she played for another country at Junior or Under 23 level. Their debut in either the Men's or Ladies team would determine their International allegiance.

Article 14. **Minutes**

1. There shall be minutes taken on the decisions of the General Meeting.
2. Should the delegates require it, the minutes on individual points of the agenda shall be read out to the meeting.

Article 15. **Extraordinary General Meeting**

1. The Committee is entitled to call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) at any time. The committee is obliged to call an EGM, if at least one third of the members request such a meeting in writing, stating the reason and the points to be discussed.
2. The Committee is obliged to give notice of an EGM within 30 days of receiving the request. The period between the invitation and the EGM shall be at least 30 but no more than 90 days.
3. Furthermore, the articles regarding the Ordinary General Meeting shall be applied.

Article 16. **Functions and composition of the Committee**

1. The Executive Committee is the executive body of the EEPF and has the power to make whatever decisions that they may see fit on the day to day running of the federation. As proposed at the 2013 AGM proposal 2013/1.

2. The Management Committee consists of at least 6 members mentioned below. Its number of members may be increased without changing the rules, in order to meet special circumstances. The Committee may increase the number of members but this will have to be approved by the next General Meeting.
The members of the committee shall carry out the following offices;
 - President
 - Vice President
 - General Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - (non executive) Rules Revision, Auditor(s)
 - (non executive) Marketing, Sponsorship, Development Officer(s)
3. The General Meeting shall elect the President and other officers.
4. No more than three committee members shall belong to the same national organisation.

Article 17. Term of office and eligibility for re-election

1. The members of the committee shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting, The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer being elected for three years on a staggered three year cycle.
2. The secretary must receive nominations no later than 28 days before the date of the AGM. In the event of positions becoming vacant after that date then nominations will be accepted from the floor.
3. After the end of their term, they may stand for re-election without further nomination.
4. A General Meeting may relieve a member from his/her position at any time, by secret ballot, which requires a two thirds majority.
5. In the case of death, resignation or removal of a committee member the General Meeting will elect a replacement. He/she will be in his/her position for the remaining duration of the term of the predecessor can then stand for re-election.
6. Representatives of a Country who are running for office in the Committee of the EEPF, have to be nominated by their national federation or the General Meeting. If nominated by the General Meeting the candidate must have the approval of his/her respective federation.
7. Nominations for elections into the Committee must be notified to the Secretary, who shall notify the members when details of the General Meeting are announced.
 - a. Nominations shall include the following details;
8. Surname, forename, age, occupation, position in their national federation, any special qualifications.
9. Re-election of a committee member is decided upon solely by the General Meeting.
10. Admittance of nominations, which have been received late, must be voted on by the General Meeting and needs a two thirds majority.

Article 18. Authority to sign

1. The President or his/her representative together with one other committee member shall sign on behalf of the EEPF any legally binding document, with the approval of the General Meeting.

Article 19. Duties and competence

1. Committee members are obliged to safeguard the interests of the EEPF only.

2. The Committee deals with all of the business of the federation, which is not reserved for other designated authorities by the rules.
3. The Committee executes and supervises decisions taken by the General Meeting.
4. Within the limits of the rules and decisions taken by the General Meeting, the Committee compiles decrees, regulations and changes of the rules for approval by the General Meeting.
5. The Committee is entitled to set up commissions for special tasks.
6. The committee is entitled to order sanctions against members of the EEPF and/or their players and officials, as long as the statutes do not apply this right to other authorities.
7. In the interest of the EEPF, the Committee is entitled to cut individual items in the budget and increase others, as long as the total amount of the budget is not increased by more than 10%.

8 **Drugs Policy.**

- a) The EEPF have a policy banning drugs of enhancement, as endorsed by the members and as published.
- b) The EEPF reserve the right to carry out testing in line with that policy.
- c) The EEPF reserve the right to discipline any player found to be in breach of the drugs policy.

Refer to Annexe A and B for full details.

Article 20. **Committee Meetings**

1. The Committee meets when necessary.
2. The Secretary mails out invitations according to the instructions of the President.
3. As a general rule, invitations including the agenda have to be in the possession of the Committee member's four weeks ahead of the meeting.
4. In urgent cases, this delay may be reduced to two weeks.
5. For very urgent matters, telephone conferences are permissible.
6. Decisions shall be taken by simple vote. The President shall have a casting vote in split decisions.
8. Minutes shall be taken on the decisions of the Committee and mailed to all committee members within six weeks after the meeting.

Article 23. **Reimbursement of expenses**

1. All functions are honorary.
2. Members of the Committee as well as people elected by the General Meeting and assigned special tasks, shall be reimbursed by the Treasurer of the EEPF.
3. The following Executive officers defined as, President, Vice President, Secretary, & Treasurer, will for attending the European Championships, have their agreed and reasonable travel costs paid for by the EEPF and have their agreed and reasonable accommodation costs, covered for the duration of the event. Including one day before and one day after event, paid by the host nation's budget.

4. Remaining expenses; The remaining expenses and those of other officers are to be paid for by their own country when meetings are held at the time of the European Championships. On occasions when other meetings take place outside the European Championships, the EEPF cover the costs, if funds are available, if funds are not available then the expenses are paid by the persons own country.

SECTION 6. **AUDITORS**

Article 22. **Members**

1. The Supervisory Committee consists of two auditors elected by the General Meeting as well as one replacement. They may not be members of the Committee of the EEPF.

Article 23. **Duties**

1. The auditors inspect the profit and loss account, the balance sheets as well as the inventory of the EEPF.
2. They submit a written report with a motion to the General Meeting.
3. If they think it necessary, the auditors are entitled to conduct an interim revision. They have, however, to account to the General Meeting for any such interim revision.

Article 24. **Term of office**

1. An auditor can only hold his/her office for two consecutive years. Each year the auditor who has been in office for longest term, retires and his/her position is taken by the replacement.

SECTION 7. **SUBJECT-SPECIFIC COMMITTEES**

Article 25. **Sub-committees**

1. According to Article 19 (5), the Committee may appoint subject-specific sub-committees. These sub-committees fulfil the tasks and works, which are assigned to them by the Committee.

SECTION 8. **FINANCES**

Article 26. **Income**

1. The income of the EEPF consists of;-
 - yearly membership fees
 - entry fees into the European Eight-ball Championships
 - tournament fees
 - licence fees, and
 - others

Article 27. **Expenditure**

1. The expenditure of the EEPF consists of;-
 - trophies for the European Eight-ball Championships
 - administrative costs
 - printing/copying costs for constitution, minutes and regulations
 - contributions to support junior sport development, and
 - other expenditures decided on by the Committee or the General Meeting.

Article 28. **Yearly membership fees**

1. Each member of the EEPF pays to the Treasurer an annual membership fee, which is fixed by the General Meeting.
2. The amount payable by each member depends on the type of membership of the respective country. ie;-
 - a) Full membership, with a voice and two votes £350.
 - b) Associate membership, with a voice and 1 votes £250.
 - c) Affiliate membership, with a voice and no vote £100.
3. Payment of the annual membership fee is due one month before the date of the AGM each year. If payment is not received on that date, then an additional late payment fee is payable at the rate of 10% per month. Non-payment of fees by the AGM, then the member would lose their right to vote. If payment is not received within three months of the due date, the member country will be deemed to have allowed their membership to lapse.

Article 29. **Administration of the finances**

1. The Committee is responsible for administering the finances of the EEPF. It is responsible for the expenditures being in relation to the income.

There shall be four signatories to the EEPF account, these persons shall be;

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

The Treasurer must sign all cheques, plus any one of the others.

Article 30. **Liability**

1. The EEPF is liable to the extent of its property.
2. Any personal liability of individual Committee Members is excluded.

SECTION 9. **AUTHORITY AND DISCIPLINE**

Article 31. **In general**

1. Through its authorities, the EEPF may inflict sanctions on its members for improper behaviour of their representatives, members, teams or individual players.

Article 32. **Disciplinary proceedings**

1. The EEPF distinguishes between the following sanctions;
 - warning of representatives, members and players,
 - suspension of officials,
 - suspension of members and/or their teams or players for a certain time and/or certain tournaments, and
 - expulsion of members from the EEPF.
 - EEPF operates a disciplinary procedure.
2. Authorities of the EEPF are entitled to combine several sanctions.

Article 33. **Applicability of sanctions**

1. People and authorities liable to observe statutes and regulations of the EEPF may be sanctioned in case of their deliberate or negligent violation, or in the case of inappropriate behaviour.
2. Members shall be fined for non-attendance at an Annual General meeting. This fine will be; A Country not attending a European A.G.M (minimum amount of time =50% of the meeting) will receive a written warning, if they fail to attend the next European A.G.M they will receive a £100 fine, for every year they miss the A.G.M. Applies to all members from AGM of 2011.

Article 34. Objections Applicability of sanctions

1. Sanctions, which have not been imposed by the General Meeting, can be objected to. The next Ordinary General Meeting has the final decision on objections.

Article 35. Expulsion from the EEPF

1. Expulsion of a member can only be made on one of the following grounds:-
 - serious and wilful violation of the constitution or regulations of the EEPF, as well as non-observance of decisions taken by the General Meeting.
 - default to meet the financial obligations towards the EEPF, and
 - incorrect actions, bringing the sport into disrepute, damaging the image and prosperity of the EEPF

A member must be informed in writing of its expulsion from the EEPF.

Article 36. Prosecution and carrying out

1. Sanctions are only imposed upon a respective motion. Motions may be made by the legal representatives of the national federations affiliated to the EEPF, as well as by other recognised bodies of the EEPF. A motion has to be made within three months after the unlawful event or it will not be entered into. Motions must be presented to the Committee of the EEPF in a suitable form and they must be entered into by the responsible body within one month of receipt.

Exceptions:

- a) Motions brought forward during the European Eight-ball Pool Championships must be dealt with within 24 hours.
- b) Motions falling under the jurisdiction of the General Meeting must be dealt with at the next Ordinary or Extraordinary General Meeting.
2. Should any allegations be made, these will have to be proven. The following shall be accepted as proof; official documents, witnesses, evidence and expert opinion.
3. Motions for sanctions for default to meet financial obligations can only be made for amounts outstanding no longer than three years. After payment, no further sanctions shall be imposed. Sanctions must be cancelled, should payment be made within 60 days after their imposition.

Article 37. Decrees

1. Decrees must be made in writing. They are to be addressed to the member of the EEPF exclusively, even if sanctions are directed against an official or a player.

SECTION 10. Dissolution Of The EEPF

Article 38. Resolution

1. A resolution for the dissolution of the EEPF may only be passed at a General Meeting called for

this purpose, with a majority of three quarters. At least two thirds of the members of the EEPF must be present.

2. If the General Meeting should not have a quorum, another General Meeting shall be called within three months. This second General Meeting shall have a quorum irrespective of the members present and may decide on the dissolution with a three quarter majority.
3. The General Meeting voting on the dissolution shall decide on management, utilisation or disposal of any possible assets. Assets shall not be divided up between members.

Article 39. **Competitions / Events**

1. **European Championships.**

All countries who are accepted by the EEPF as a host for the championships will agree to a standard payment of £ 1,500 as a holding fee, payable to the EEPF.

- Details.
- This will give a financial benefit to the EEPF which can be used for the benefit of all members.
- A standard payment will ensure all members hosting the European Championships will be paying the same figure to the EEPF.
- In terms of budgeting, each host will have a definite figure from the EEPF as holding fee, all other financial responsibilities of the championships will be achieved by the host nation, subject to the comments below.

This proposal concerns the financial fee for holding the European Championships. All other aspects of the format for the organising of a European Championships are as per agreed by the EEPF membership, with reference to, Schedule, draws, dates, setting of fees, accommodation rates, live scoring, streaming, will be discussed and agreed between the host country and the EEPF executive.

There are also regulations concerning the organising of a European Championships detailed in the constitution / rules and regulations of the EEPF.

2. **Nations Cup.**

1. The EEPF would have final decision regarding the events dates, setting of entry fees, hotel accommodation rates, and the competition draw after full negotiation with the host organisation/ country. Event will be staged over four days, Thursday – Sunday.
 2. All other aspects of the event would be the responsibility/role of the host organisation/ country.
- The reduction for international events from four to three per year for some countries will ease the financial burden on players and member countries.
 - Increase the size and status of this new event.
 - This will also allow member nations who currently can only attend one or two international events per year to be given the option of taking part if they wish to do so.

- The Nations Cup is to be split in to two divisions as follows and will be organised for separate dates, this is to allow Executive Committee to work with the host Nation and to be present at both events.
- Division A: France, Belgium, Channel Islands, Portugal, Morocco, Algiers, Malta, Spain.
- Division B: Scotland, Northern Ireland, England, Wales, Ireland.
- May be combined in to one event if the host nation can facilitate the event

Article 40. **Final clauses**

1. The original constitution and regulations of the EEPF were agreed at the General meeting in August 1995, Chorley. England and they came into force with the approval by the General Meeting.
2. The regulations were updated following the Annual General Meeting of February 2023.
3. The updated regulations replace all former regulations.