



# **WCBS CONSTITUTION**

## **1.0 ARTICLE 1 - NAME LEGAL SEAT, ADDRESS and LANGUAGE**

### **1.1 Name and inaugural Meeting**

The name of this controlling sports organisation shall be the WORLD CONFEDERATION of BILLIARDS SPORTS (WCBS), which was inaugurated on January 25, 1992 at Yverdon-les- Bains, Switzerland.

### **1.2 Legal Seat and Official Address**

The WCBS is incorporated in Switzerland, where it has its official address and legal seat.

### **1.3 Headquarters**

The WCBS Board of Directors shall determine the address of the headquarters.

### **1.4 Official Language**

The official and administrative language of the WCBS shall be English.

### **1.5 Non-Profit**

The WCBS is a non-profit organisation, which existence is not limited in time.

### **1.6 Limitation on Liabilities**

Nothing herein shall constitute Members of the WCBS as partners for any purpose. No Member, officer, agent or employee of the WCBS shall be liable for the acts or failure to act on the part of any other Member, officer, agent or employee of the WCBS. Nor shall any Member, officer, agent or employee be liable for his acts or failure to act under this Constitution, except only acts or omissions to act arising out of his wilful misfeasance.

## **2.0 ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVES**

### **2.1 Aims and Objectives**

While retaining and respecting the complete autonomy and independence of each Member, the governing bodies for Carom, Pool and Snooker, in the administration and running of their disciplines, the aims and objectives of the WCBS are;

#### **i) Sports Policy**

To adopt a sports policy that is not in conflict with the IOC's rules as set forth in the Olympic Charter, notably the adoption and implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code as well as the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions.

#### **ii) Values**

To promote and develop Billiards Sports based on human rights, democratic principles and social values of universal fraternity and solidarity, through international administrations and competitions, irrespective of nationality, race, religion, gender or politics.

#### **iii) Recognition and Inclusion.**

To develop a close liaison with the IOC (including the ARISF and the ASOIF), the GAISF, and all other MSE organisations, in order to obtain optimal recognition for Billiards Sports and the WCBS. To seek inclusion of Billiards Sports in the Olympic Games, the World Games and all other MSE including two or more continents, as well as to assist regional bodies for inclusion of Billiards Sports into regional MSE.

#### **iv) Promotion.**

To promote Billiards Sports internationally, especially to the youth of the world.

#### **v) Rules and Format.**

To standardize competitive rules, guidelines and format of play for Billiards Sports worldwide.

#### **vi) Regional and National Bodies.**

To advise and assist in the formation of Regional and National federations of Billiards Sports, and to promote the recognition of Billiards Sports by NOC's whenever needed.

**vii) Activities and Rules.**

To print and publicize the activities, events and rules of the WCBS and of other sports organizations connected to Billiards Sports.

**viii) Public Relations.**

To promote and advertise all Billiards Sports via public sports authorities, NOC's, press media, television networks, Internet, etc., and maintain a regular information network between the Members.

**ix) Referees.**

To liaise with the Referees Association under each Member and maintain a register of qualified International Referees for deployment in WCBS and/or MSE events.

**x) Education.**

To promote proper education of Instructors and Coaches through recognized academies in order to enhance the skill levels of play.

**xi) WCBS Events.**

To develop WCBS events including disciplines from all Members, for men, women and youth in both individual and team formats.

**xii) Anti-Doping and prevention of the manipulation of competitions.**

The WCBS recognizes the WADA Anti-Doping Code and is determined to do its utmost in order to keep Billiards Sports free from any and all performance-enhancing drugs. The WCBS Anti-Doping Rules are in accordance with the WADA Anti-Doping Code.

The WCBS is determined to do its utmost in order to protect all competitions from the risk of manipulation and recognize the Code on the prevention of the manipulation of competitions.

**xiii) Other Objectives.**

To do all other things necessary, that are incidental and conducive to the attainment and enhancement of the aims and objectives of the WCBS.

## **3.0 ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP**

### **3.1 Three Categories.**

There are three categories of membership within the WCBS

**i) Member**

The Members of the WCBS are representatives of the disciplines Carom, Pool and Snooker. Only organisations that are world-governing bodies in accordance with the Olympic Charter can qualify for membership. Only one organisation can represent each division. Additional disciplines must affiliate through the Carom, Pool and Snooker representatives as determined by the WCBS board. Currently the representatives are:

Carom: the UNION MONDIALE DE BILLARD (UMB),

Pool: the WORLD POOL-BILLIARD ASSOCIATION (WPA),

Snooker: the INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS & SNOOKER FEDERATION (IBSF)

Each Member will be required to pay an annual levy to the WCBS, the amount to be determined by the board and approved at the GA. Dues are payable by September 1. The Member is delinquent on December 1st and a delinquent Member has no voting rights and no entitlement for reimbursements.

**ii) Associate Members.**

Associate Membership shall be open to all trade associations, business houses and others connected with Billiards Sports. Associate Members shall have no voting rights or hold office within the WCBS, but are allowed to attend the GA as observers. Application for Associate Membership shall be subject to a donation of CHF 1.000, or more, payable annually to the WCBS, as determined by the board from time to time.

**iii) Honorary Members.**

The WCBS may bestow from time to time, the title of Honorary Member on a person, in recognition of their meritorious contribution to the enhancement and betterment of the WCBS and/or Billiards Sports. Nominations for this title must be approved at the GA. Such members will be entitled to attend GA's but will hold no voting rights or office within the WCBS.

## **4.0 ARTICLE 4 - AUTONOMY AND MEMBER RELATIONS**

### **4.1 Autonomy.**

The WCBS is the only recognized representative for Billiards Sports to the IOC and other world MSE organizations. Each Member keeps his own full and complete administrative, financial and sports autonomy according to its own constitution, regulation and rules, with exception to the following rights and duties with regards to its membership with the WCBS. It is forbidden for a Member to interfere into the affairs another Member's discipline. By means of support or participation into another members domain without consent. Each division must recognise and adhere to suspensions or expulsions given to individuals or organisations by WCBS Members.

Members cannot belong to or be affiliated to any organisation that purports to be an international organisation that is outside of the WCBS structure.

Members of the WCBS and their continental and national members including Officers and Officials are prohibited from having membership in organisations considered to be in competition with or detrimental to the WCBS and / or its structures.

**i) WCBS Constitution.**

**ii) Collision of Dates.**

Members will not organize international Billiard Sports events, coinciding with the organizing of the Olympic Games and /or the World Games.

**iii) Participation at MSE.**

Members accept that the WCBS is alone responsible for the rights and duties relating to the participation of Billiards Sports at MSE, including events organized by the WCBS in which the members are represented, agreed upon between the board and the organization responsible for such.

## **5.0 ARTICLE 5 - WCBS BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOARD)**

### **5.1 Board of Directors.**

The WCBS board is responsible for conducting the business of the WCBS.

The Board will consist of each Cue Sport division nominating a minimum of two Board Members and up to a maximum of three Board Members. It will be accepted that only two Board Members from each division will normally be required to attend each meeting. If the third Board Member attends any Board Meeting, their attendance will be the responsibility of their own Cue Sport discipline to fully fund the attendance to the Board Meeting.

Each Cue Sport division will have three votes. A Board Member can carry more than one vote.

Any new nomination must have a majority approval, but acceptance cannot be unreasonably denied. All board members are elected for four (4) year terms. All elections will be conducted via a secret ballot.

**i) President.**

The President of the WCBS is its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and is elected for a four- year (4) term. A re- election of the President requires a two-thirds plus one of the eligible votes in favour. Following the acceptance of this constitution the rotation order is established as Pool, Carom and Snooker. The candidate as so proposed by the discipline on will be accepted as the new President of the WCBS. A discipline may elect not to nominate a candidate in which case the rotation order moves on to the next discipline. The President can hold only one office.

**ii) Vice President(s).**

A maximum of two (2) persons from the Board can be elected as a Vice Presidents. A Vice President cannot be from the same discipline as the President.

**iii) General Secretary.**

A General Secretary is elected from a discipline not represented by the President.

**iv) Remaining Positions.**

Remaining positions will be a Treasurer and any other office that the Board will appoint from time to time.

**5.2 Nomination & Replacement.**

**i)** Members are responsible for nominating their representatives to the board. Replacement of such representatives can be made at any time, subject to a written notice to the General Secretary and before invitation for a next meeting has been distributed.

**ii)** In the event of the demise or incapacity of an office-holder/board-member, the Member whom he represents shall nominate a suitable substitute to complete that term.

**5.3 Votes and Binding Decisions.**

Each Cue Sport Division will hold three (3) votes at board meetings. A simple majority of those entitled to vote is required for all decisions, except for a binding decision where a minimum of two-thirds plus one (1) must be in favour. Each member must be represented in person to vote at the meeting.

**5.4 Tasks and Responsibilities.**

The Board has, besides what is listed under Article 2, the following tasks and responsibilities:

**i)** Conduct all business of the WCBS in the time between the GA's, subject to the authority of the GA, and subject to the WCBS Constitution appertaining thereto.

**ii)** Represent the WCBS at official Congress and/or GA, organized by the IOC and the GAISF, as well as all the MSE organizations that the WCBS is a part of, or would want to join.

**iii)** To represent the WCBS in any and all negotiations with organizers of MSE at which Billiards Sports will be represented, with regards to all technical, performance and participation procedures. This also includes the promotional, media and marketing activities.

**iv)** Establish and maintain partnership relations with sponsors with regards to WCBS events, either directly or through the services of a sports marketing agency.

**v)** To set up temporary or permanent committees as required for improving of the effectiveness.

**5.5 Official Board Meeting.**

The board shall meet at least once a year, at such place and time as the board may determine. Each meeting shall be presided by the President and, in his absence, a Vice President chosen from the floor. If none of the above is present, the members present shall elect one of their numbers to preside as chairperson at that meeting. The General Secretary shall send out notice of the date, time and place of such meetings, including a draft agenda, at least eight (8) weeks before the said meeting, to all board members. Any additional items to be included on the agenda must be forwarded in writing to the General Secretary no later than six (6) weeks prior to the scheduled meeting, with a copy forwarded to the other board members. The final agenda, containing notice of all business to be covered, shall be sent out by the General Secretary four (4) weeks before the aforesaid meeting.

**5.6 Meeting prior to GA.**

A board meeting shall be held in conjunction and prior to a GA. All matters to be dealt with by the GA, shall be prepared by the board, if not before, at this meeting. The final agenda, containing notice of all business to be covered, shall be sent out by the General Secretary four (4) weeks before the said meeting.

**5.7 Quorum.**

Any board meeting will require the presence of at least four (4) board members, representing at least two

of the three Members in order to constitute a quorum.

#### **5.8 Postal Ballot.**

In case of an emergency, any matter within the jurisdiction of the board may be acted upon via Postal Ballot (by means of Mail, Fax or E-mail) with information copies to all other board members. In such an event, the General Secretary shall give a minimum of four (4) weeks written notice to all board members informing them of the matter(s) to be acted upon. If after the period of four (4) weeks, no reply has been received from a board member, it shall be deemed that the said board member would have concurred with the circulated motion requiring his vote. A minimum of five (5) votes in favour will carry the said motion.

#### **5.9 Committees.**

For support in executing the assigned duties, the board may propose to the GA the establishment of committees. In the proposal the board will give an indication of the cost involved. Depending on the nature of the assigned task, the committee can be established as a temporary or permanent committee. After confirmation of the establishment of a committee by the GA, the Members may propose candidates and the board will appoint the members of the committee. The Chairman of such committee shall preferably be a board member who shall report the proceedings thereof, to the board as required. He shall conduct the business of such committee, pursuant to the terms and reference so prescribed by the board. The board has the right to set up temporary committees where deemed essential and report on it to the next GA.

#### **5.10 Personal Liability.**

The WCBS shall indemnify and hold harmless all persons who are now or shall hereafter serve as a Director, officer, or employee of the WCBS from and against any and all claims and liabilities, whether the same are settled or proceed to judgment, to which such person shall have become subject by reason of their having heretofore or hereafter been a Director, officer, or employee of the WCBS, or by reason of any action alleged to have heretofore been taken or omitted by such Director, officer, or employee, and shall reimburse each such person for all legal and other expenses (including the cost of settlement) reasonably incurred by such person in connection with any such claim, liability, suit, action, or proceedings; provided, however, that no such person shall be indemnified against, or be reimbursed for any claims, liabilities, cost, or expenses incurred in connection with any claims or liability, or the threat or prospect thereof, based upon or arising out of such person's own negligence or wilful non-performance of the duties of Director, officer, or employee.

The determination of all questions as to the existence of negligence or wilful misconduct, as to the right to indemnification and reimbursement hereunder and the fairness of such costs and expenses may be made and shall be final and conclusive if made, by the Board of Directors acting at a meeting at which a quorum consisting of disinterested Directors is present by a majority vote of all such Directors. The right accruing to any person under the provisions of this section shall not exclude any other right to which such person may be lawfully entitled, nor shall anything herein contained restrict the right of the WCBS to indemnify or reimburse such person in any case even though not specifically provided for herein.

#### **5.11 Conflict of Interest.**

The Board of Directors shall adopt a conflict of interest policy governing transactions between the WCBS and its Directors and other persons holding positions specified in such policy. Each person covered by such policy shall disclose any potential conflicts of interest according to the procedures set forth in the policy.

### **6.0 ARTICLE 6 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)**

#### **6.1 Supreme Body.**

The GA is the supreme body of the WCBS, which exercises the highest authority within the same.

#### **6.2 Annuity, Notice, Chairman and Hosting.**

The GA is to be held once in every two years, at a place and a time to be decided upon by the GA, or as otherwise subsequently decided by the Board. In case of the latter, notice must be given by the General Secretary to each Member at least two (2) months ahead of time, indicating time and place of the said GA. The GA is chaired by the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents.

The GA shall be hosted by a Member on a rotating order, and shall, if possible, coincide with a Regional or World Championship, or other event of significance.

### **6.3 Composition and Voting Rights.**

The GA is composed of all properly accredited members and representatives of the Members. Carom, Pool and Snooker have three (3) votes each to be carried by representatives in attendance, with appropriate written authority from their body. A member of the WCBS board is not eligible to vote. Attendance is open.

### **6.4 Accreditation.**

The Members shall accredit the voting delegates.

### **6.5 Amount of Votes, Confirmation.**

The total amount of votes at the GA will be three (3) per member. The delegate will announce the number of votes he is carrying prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### **6.6 Binding Decisions.**

A GA can take binding decisions if two (2) Members are present, and a minimum of two-thirds plus one of the votes are in favour.

### **6.7 Quorum.**

A Quorum for the GA shall be two-thirds of the Membership accredited votes.

### **6.8 Member Proposals.**

Proposals made by the Members must be notified to the General Secretary at least two (2) months ahead of the GA. Such proposals will be distributed to the board and the Members not less than 45 days prior to the meeting. Late proposals will require a 2/3 majority of the accredited votes in order to be added to the agenda.

## **7.0 Article 7 - EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY (EGA)**

### **7.1 Calling and Notice.**

An Extra Ordinary General Assembly (EGA) may be called if decided by the board or at the request of not less than two disciplines. The General Secretary will circulate the purpose of the EGA. The General Secretary must give notice to each Member at least two (2) months ahead of time, indicating time and place of the said EGA. This time can be reduced as required if unanimously agreed by the Members.

## **8.0 Article 8 - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

### **8.1 Executive Committee.**

The President, the General Secretary and a representative of the third discipline will form the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will between them carry out all business requiring immediate action and would consult with the board on all matters that would require a formal board decision. Minimum two of the three members must be present in order to attend to the business at hand.

### **8.2 President.**

The President shall be the Chairman at all GA's, EGA's, Board and Executive Committee Meetings. He shall conduct the business of such meetings according to the provisions of the Constitution and shall represent the WCBS in its dealings with other sports organizations.

### **8.3 Vice Presidents.**

The Vice President from the discipline not represented by the General Secretary shall deputize the President in the latter's absence, other than for Executive Committee Meetings.

### **8.4 General Secretary.**

The General Secretary shall take charge of the general administration and correspondence of the WCBS and keep the all board members informed of all business to be attended to, new developments and matters of general interest. He shall be responsible for recording and distributing of Minutes from all GA's and board meetings. In case of the President being prevented from participation at a meeting organized by other sports organizations, the General Secretary is authorized to participate on behalf of the WCBS.

### **8.5 Treasurer.**

The Treasurer shall take charge of all financial matters of the WCBS, which include the collection of levies, donations, contributions and expenses. He shall disburse monies under the direction of the board, keep full and correct account of the funds and submit a Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts to the board annually. In addition he will present a Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts, an Audited Financial Report to every GA, and produce financial and tax reports for the Swiss tax authorities.

#### **8.6 Antidoping Director**

The Antidoping Director is responsible of the antidoping activity of the WCBS.

### **9.0 Article 9 - FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **9.1 Financial Year and Auditing.**

The financial year of the WCBS shall run from the 1st of January to the 31st of December each year. The accounts shall be audited by an independent auditor.

#### **9.2 Account.**

The Treasurer, under an operating account(s) so approved by the board, shall deposit all monies received by the WCBS. The Treasurer will have the authority to sign cheques or make withdrawals for amounts not exceeding five thousand US dollars (USD5,000). For amounts in excess of this the written approval of the President will also be required.

#### **9.3 Revenues.**

The annual fees by its members, eventual donations and/or sponsoring received, plus eventual revenues that may be created as a result of any WCBS organized activities, limit the financial resources of the WCBS.

#### **9.4 WCBS Representation and Board Expenses.**

All costs incurred, such as travel, accommodation and per diem, are to be covered by the WCBS whenever one or more board members are requested by the board to represent the WCBS in meetings with MSE organizations, organizers, promoters, sponsors, or at major events, etc. This is also valid when based upon a nomination by the board one or more of its members would be appointed to carry out duties on a MSE committee or board, and such costs would not be reimbursed by the MSE organization. Whenever the WCBS board will meet in its entirety the WCBS will cover all meeting costs including the accommodation costs of all board members in attendance. The board can also from time to time decide to pay out a per diem, or, whenever this would especially be called for, a fee for a particular task that has been carried out, and that would be considered beyond the call of duty. The board will also decide about necessary payments for temporary committees assigned with special tasks. Traveling expenses and per diem are to be covered by the Members.

#### **9.5 GA and EGA Expenses.**

Actual costs for the meeting, including accommodation costs for all board members in attendance, will be covered by the WCBS. All expenses of the delegates representing the Members are to be covered by the Members. At the board's discretion, the WCBS may cover the expenses of Honorary Members in attendance, the representative for the Auditors, committee members and/or especially invited persons. All other properly accredited delegates will carry their own costs.

#### **9.6 Allowance and Reimbursement.**

The board shall determine the mode of per diem and reimbursement payments to authorized officials on official duties. All payments by the WCBS must be properly invoiced in such a fashion that the Treasurer easily will be able to establish the correctness of the claims, and should not cover a time- period of more than three (3) months at the time.

#### **9.7 Liability.**

The Members shall not be financially liable for any WCBS business. The financial liability of the WCBS will not exceed its resources.

### **10.0 Article 10 - LEGISLATION**



## 10.1 Constitution and By-Laws.

The legislation of the WCBS consists of:

- a) The **Constitution** describing all principles and fundamental aspects of the organization, and other matters under control of the board, to be decided upon by the General Assembly (GA);
- b) The Constitution empowers the board to enact from time to time **By-laws** for the proper administration of the WCBS. Amendments or additions to the by-laws can be effected either at a GA, EGA or board meeting. The by-laws may include:
  - i) Disciplines, Rules, Regulations and Conditions of each Member
  - ii) The IOC Olympic Charter
  - iii) WADA Anti-Doping Code & WCBS Anti-Doping Rules
  - iv) The Olympic movement Code on the prevention of the manipulation of competitions
  - v) Financial Rules
  - vi) Discipline, Disputes, Law and Penalty Regulations
  - vii) Permanent Committees
  - viii) WCBS Sports Regulations
  - ix) Promotion & Sponsorship
- c) In case of conflict between this constitution and the Olympic charter, the latter shall take precedence.

## 11.0 Article 11 - CONSTITUTION

### 11.1 Coming into Force.

The provisions of the Constitution shall be added, repealed or amended by resolution(s) at any GA, or EGA convened expressly for that purpose. Such resolution(s) shall be deemed to have been passed if they are carried by a minimum of two third + one votes. All changes and/or amendments to the constitution shall come into force immediately, unless otherwise stated, following the approval by a GA, or EGA.

### 11.2 Notice.

Any resolution proposed for the intended amendment of the Constitution must be sent to the General Secretary at least eight (8) weeks before the aforesaid GA or EGA. The General Secretary will forward to all Members the said resolutions immediately upon receipt.

### 11.3 Alterations / Amendments.

Should this Constitution now or at any future date be contradictory to valid laws that are to be accepted and obeyed, or if the Constitution would not cover a certain area of importance, the WCBS board will have the right to immediately make necessary alterations and/or amendments. Any such alterations and/or amendments must be ratified by the next General Assembly.

### 11.4 Constitutional Dispute.

Any dispute between the members and this organization, or matter arising from the interpretation of this Constitution shall be submitted to the Conciliation Committee. The Panel set in operation by the Conciliation Committee will consist of three arbitrators. Each party designates one arbitrator. These two arbitrators will designate the President of the Panel within 30 days following the submission of the case to the Conciliation Committee. If no agreement is reached within this time limit, the President of the WCBS will designate the President of the Panel.

Any decision made by the Conciliation Committee may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the

Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of sports-related arbitration. The time limit for appeal is twenty-one days after the reception of the decision concerning the appeal

## **12.0 Article 12 RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION, and EXPULSION**

### **12.1 Resignation.**

A Member may withdraw from membership of the WCBS upon a resolution passed by the appropriate authority of the Member withdrawing, provided that at the time of resignation the Member has no outstanding liabilities to the WCBS.

### **12.2 Notice and Effect.**

Such resignation shall take effect immediately upon receipt by the General Secretary, of a notice of resignation signed by the President (Chairman) and the General Secretary or Treasurer of the Member. Such notification shall be accompanied by an extract of the minutes from the Member's GA, which covers this decision. The General Secretary shall report of the resignation immediately to all remaining Members. A Member that has resigned will have no rights or claims to the WCBS or its assets.

### **12.3 Suspension.**

A Member may be suspended from membership by the board, or by a decision of a GA or EGA. The decision must be approved unanimously. Only Members not being considered for suspension are eligible to vote. A suspension may include the following reasons:

- i)** Non-payment of any liabilities to the WCBS.
- ii)** Becoming two (2) years, or more, in arrears with any annual membership fee due to the WCBS.
- iii)** Failure to comply with the provisions of this Constitution, or the regulations appertaining thereto.
- iv)** Bringing the WCBS into disrepute.

### **12.4 Expulsion.**

A Member may be expelled from membership of the WCBS. The proposal to do so must be notified to the Member concerned at least four (4) months in advance. The proposal must be included in the agenda and a decision must be approved unanimously. Only Members not being considered for expulsion are eligible to vote. An expulsion may include the following reasons:

- i)** Refusal to pay any liabilities due to the WCBS.
- ii)** Non-payment of any membership fees due to the WCBS for a period of two (2) or more years.
- iii)** Refusal to comply with the provisions of the Constitution or the regulations appertaining thereto.
- iv)** Bringing the WCBS into disrepute.

Any decision made to terminate membership of a Member of the WCBS will be effective immediately but subject to the guidelines for appeal as laid out by the CAS.

### **12.5 Dissolution.**

The resignation of one Member may lead to dissolution of the WCBS. The dissolution is automatic if two Members representing two separate disciplines are resigning from the WCBS, unless the WCBS would still meet the IOC criteria for recognition.

### **12.6 Remaining Assets.**

If upon the dissolution of the WCBS, there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any assets whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, or distributed among the

Members, or its members. Such net asset shall be applied to the furtherance of any object, or objects, as may be determined by GA before or at the time of dissolution, and if, insofar as effect cannot be given to the foregoing provisions, then to some charitable object.

## **12.7 Independence.**

No discussion or votes by the WCBS shall effect in any way the freedom and independence of any Member, who shall, in all cases, retain complete independence and control over all matters falling within the field of activity of the Member.

## **13.0 Article 13 - Rights over the WCBS Championships and WCBS properties.**

### **13.1 Exclusive Property**

The WCBS Championships are the exclusive property of the WCBS which owns all rights and data relating thereto, in particular and without limitation, all rights relating to their organisation, exploitation, broadcasting, recording, representation, reproduction, access and dissemination in any form and by any means or mechanism whatsoever, whether now existing or developed in the future. The WCBS shall determine the conditions of access to and the conditions of any use of data relating to any WCBS Championships and to the competition and sports performance of the WCBS events.

### **13.2 WCBS Properties**

The WCBS symbol, logo, flag, motto, anthem, identification, designations, emblems shall be collectively or individually referred to as "WCBS Properties". All rights to any and all WCBS properties, as well as all rights to the use thereof belong exclusively to the WCBS, including but not limited to the use for any profit making, commercial or advertising purposes. The WCBS may licence all or part of its rights on term and conditions set forth by the WCBS.

### **13.3 The WCBS logo**

The logo is circular in shape with a map of the World as a background to the superimposed wording of the initials of the World Confederation of Billiards Sports and a triangular shape of three cues. The background colour of the logo is gold gradually shading to a lighter gold colour towards the interior of the logo. The world map is green, the cues are Blue, Red and Yellow and the WCBS initials are red with a white border around letters

### **13.4 Distribution of Profits**

Any eventual profits which might accrue from the organisation of any WCBS Championships or its involvement in the World Games must be utilised in the further development of Cue Sports all over the World.

The Constitution Committee, formed by Andre Gagnaux, Jorgen Sandman and Mark Wildman, worked out the Original WCBS Constitution. The Constitution was approved by the inaugural General Assembly held in Yverdon- les-Bains on January 25, 1992. The Constitution came into force immediately.

The WCBS Constitution was read and approved by the IOC in the second half of 1991.

The WCBS Constitution was altered and approved anew by the Extra-Ordinary General Assembly held in Las Vegas, USA, on March 31 2004. The Constitution came into force immediately.

The WCBS Constitution was altered and approved anew by the General Assembly held in Bottrop, Germany, on July 21 2005. The Constitution came into force immediately.

The WCBS Constitution was altered and approved anew by the General Assembly held in Antalya, Turkey, on February 19 2010. The Constitution came into force immediately.

The WCBS Constitution was altered and approved anew by the Extra-Ordinary General Assembly held in Frankfurt, Germany, on August 16 2018. The Constitution came into force immediately.

The WCBS Constitution was altered and approved anew by the General Assembly held in Pistoia, Italy, on October 18 2019. The Constitution came into force immediately.