



**NEUM 2022**

## **WBGF WORLD CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS**

**HOW TO CREATE A CLUB TEAM:** Individuals satisfying either one of the criterias below can create a club team of 3 players (+2 substitutes allowed) and apply to the championship:

- a. Members of same backgammon club in a city/region  
(No limit for number of teams per club)
- b. Individuals who are not a member of a club but living in the same city/region

**Example:** If there are 3 clubs in a city/region, then all 3 can participate separately in the Championship with any amount of teams. Individuals who are living in the same city/region but not playing in any of those clubs can create separate teams of their own too.

**TOURNAMENT MODEL:** Round Robin Groups with Playoffs + Single Elimination Rounds (Quarter Finals / Semi Finals / Finals). Clock mandatory in all rounds.

**HOW TO DISTRIBUTE PARTICIPANT CLUBS INTO ROUND ROBIN GROUPS:** Participant clubs representing the same country will be randomly distributed, ideally in equal amounts into each Round Robin group.

**AMOUNT OF ROUNDS IN ROUND ROBIN GROUPS:** According to the amount of teams in each group, each team will play each other once.

**# of matches to be played in group phase = Amount of teams in the group - 1**

**MATCH LENGTHS:** All group matches will be played to;

- 9 points in Round Robin Group Stage rounds,
- 11 points in Quarter Finals & Semi Finals & 3rd/4th Decider,
- 13 points in Finals.

**PAIRINGS IN EACH ROUND:** Group stage pairings will be automatically set according to an algorithm written with an aim of avoiding pairings of no value. Details of the algorithm will be shared with participants at the start of the event.

**RANKING CRITERIA:** Ranking positions of teams will be (in the following order) decided by:

**1. Round Points:** Basically, the number of rounds won (x2) as a team.

Teams who win a round are given 2 points, teams who lost are given 0.

Byes are given 1 point each.

**2. Match Points:** Basically, the number of matches won by team members.

Wins of 3-0 brings 3, wins of 2-1 brings 2 match points to the winner team.

Losses of 0-3 brings 0, 1-2 brings 1 match point to the loser team.

Match points are given as 2 for BYE pairings.

**3. After last round in Groups Phase:** If 2 or more teams have equal round points and match points as well, the criterias of ranking in the row of priority are;

- Result of a possible pairing that equal ranked teams played between each other
- Playoff of team consultation matches to 5 points (all team members can consult)

**4. Final 8 (or 16):** At the end of Round Robin rounds, 8 teams (can be upgraded as 16 depending on the amount of participation) qualify for Single Elimination rounds.