

THE RULEBOOK OF WORLD TABLE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

9th version (summarised by 31st December 2009)

Preamble:

At European Championship 2000 in Marienberg, Germany - after years of international inactivity of the World Table Hockey Association - after the regular voting the representatives of member countries approved the temporary implementation group (the board). This temporary implementation group consisted of the president of WTHA and representatives of four most active members (Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany and Sweden).

This temporary implementation group had to prepare The Rulebook of World Table Hockey Association and to vote members of regular implementation group - both according to documents undersigned in 1992 in Lund, Sweden (WTHA Establishing Document and WTHA Basic Activity Program) and decisions undertaken in 2000 in Marienberg, Germany.

The 1st version of The Rulebook of World Table Hockey Association was approved by the temporary implementation group (the board) in Maarslet, Denmark in 2001 (July 6).

1. Technical-organisational rules

- 1.1. **Table Hockey** - World Table Hockey Association directs international table hockey competitions. The most important part of WTHA work is to direct and organise international competitions of category billiard-hockey, including continental championships and world championships. But World Table Hockey Association is open for all table hockey categories.
- 1.2. **Language** - All written international materials have to be translated to English.
- 1.3. **Members** - new members of the World Table Hockey Association are accepted any time after preliminary signing the facsimile of the Rulebook of the World Table Hockey Association and the entrance document.
- 1.4. **Changes of the Rulebook** of World Table Hockey Association - changes can be made only during official sessions of directorial committee.
- 1.5. **Competitions days and time of beginning (billiard-hockey competitions)** - Competitions of individuals must be played on Saturday, except tournaments of category "Challenger". All competitions for teams must be played on Sunday. Justified exception should be made by Implementation group. All competitions start at 10:00 a.m., exception should be decided by Implementation group. Competition day and time of beginning of tournament category "Challenger" are decided by Implementation group.
- 1.6. **Measuring of match time** in WTHA billiard-hockey competitions – the match time is measured by "MUSIC" (cassette or CD).
 - 1.6.1. The official WTHA measuring "MUSIC" named "Dvornik" (also known as Czech music) is used always for World or continental championships, European Masters' Cup, WTHA Cup, Schools Challenger. Cassette with the measuring music "Dvornik" should be bought in the seat of Czech Table Hockey Players Union (UHSH) in Brno.
 - 1.6.2. For other tournaments should organiser choose official WTHA measuring "MUSIC" or own "national MUSIC". The "national MUSIC" must be put into disposition at the beginning of season. Organiser must announce that would use "national MUSIC" in tournament information before.
- 1.7. **Tournament committee** - All controversy situation coming during the tournament are decided by the tournament committee. If it is not possible to decide the situation in accordance with The rulebook of WTHA, tournament committee would undertake ad hoc decision. Decision of tournament committee has final validity for the case and no other WTHA authority should change it. Tournament committee makes a written report about all discussed cases. Proposal is given to the chairman of tournament committee.
 - 1.7.1. Composition of tournament committee:
 - Chairman = chairman of tournament or a person delegated by chairman of tournament
 - 4 members = drawn at the beginning of tournament from the present members of "tournament committee list"
 - 1.7.2. Criterions for drawing to the tournament committee:

Less then 4 participating countries	minimally one member per country
4 participating countries	one member per country
More then 4 participating countries	maximally one member per country

- 1.7.3. Composition of tournament committee list: Each member country should enlist max. 10 persons to the tournament committee list. If the member country want to enlist 11th and next, it must stroke out the same number of members.
- 1.7.4. If it is not possible to make up five members tournament committee in accordance with these criterions, the chairman of tournament committee will complete the tournament committee to the nearest odd number (means 3 or 5) respecting number of participating countries.
- 1.7.5. If all members of the tournament committee from the Saturday tournament of individuals are present at the Sunday tournament of teams (in the same weekend), the tournament committee is the same for this tournament of teams. In the other case, absent members of tournament committee are changed in accordance with the criterions.
- 1.8. **Presence of responsible organiser** - Responsible organiser has to be present at the venue 30 minutes (at the latest) before the beginning and during all time of the tournament. It is valid for all WTHA competitions.

2. Competition rules - individuals - BILLIARD-HOCKEY

2.1. WTHA Tour

2.1.1. System of WTHA Tour

- 2.1.1.1. WTHA Tour consists of minimally 4 (four) tournaments category "Master" or "Challenger" per season.
- 2.1.1.2. Only 4 (four) best results (points) of each player are counted to the final standing of WTHA Tour.
- 2.1.1.3. The WTHA Tour starts by the first tournament organised after January 1 (category "Master" or "Challenger") and ends by the last scheduled tournament of category "Master". All tournaments category „Challenger“ must be organised before it. This is not true if the last tournament of category "Master" is scheduled sooner then on October 31. In that case the term for organising tournaments category "Challenger" is prolonged upto October 31 and this date is considered to be the end of WTHA Tour.

2.1.2. Participants

- 2.1.2.1. All tournaments of WTHA Tour are OPEN. So anyone can participate. There are no country limits.
- 2.1.2.2. All participants play the tournament together. There are not divided according to categories.

2.1.3. Points system

- 2.1.3.1. Absolute standing of WTHA Tour – MASTERS POINTS: best 6 players at the tournaments category „Master“ are given points as follows (9-6-4-3-2-1). The sum of these points (*best four results are counted*) gives the final absolute standing of WTHA Tour (not divided into categories).
- 2.1.3.2. Categories standing of WTHA Tour – ALL POSITION POINTS: all players clasified in the results of all tournaments counted to WTHA Tour are given points according to their positions and category of tournament (see Enclosure no. 1). The sum of these points (*best four results are counted*) gives final standing of categories.
- 2.1.3.3. Decisive criterions for equal points cases for both point systems:
 - Less number of tournaments from which are the points counted
 - More points from one tournament (*farther from the tournament with the most won points, from the tournament with the second most won points, from the tournament with the third most won points*)
 - More participants on a tournament (*farther with the most won points, with the second most won points, ..., with the fourth most won points*)

2.1.4. Tournaments - category "Master"

- 2.1.4.1. There are maximally 6 (six) tournaments category "Master" played in each season.
- 2.1.4.2. No country should organise more then 1 (one) tournament category "Master" per season.
- 2.1.4.3. Schedule of tournaments category "Master" is made by Directorial Committee on its regular session the year before.
- 2.1.4.4. Directorial committee approves organisers, terms and venues of tournaments category "Master" in accordance with point 2.1.6.1. (better conditions win) and other points of The Rulebook, as well as in accordnace with the needs of billiard-hockey development.
- 2.1.4.5. Proposals of candidates have to be sent to implementation group of WTHA, minimally two weeks before the regular session of Directorial Committe.
- 2.1.4.6. All proposals of tournaments, which are not chosen and scheduled as category "Master", are put into the WTHA Tour schedule as category "Challenger".

- 2.1.4.7. Changes in schedule of category "Master" tournaments (= changes in terms or venues) should be made by implementation group only in case of necessity.
- 2.1.4.8. Minimally 16 players have to participate at any of the "Master" category tournament. If there are only 8-15 players present at the tournament before its beginning, tournament is counted to WTHA Tour and all other statistics of WTHA as tournament category "Challenger". If there is not minimally 8 players present at the tournament before its beginning, tournament would not be counted to the WTHA Tour and other statistics of WTHA.
- 2.1.5. Tournaments – category "Challenger"**
- 2.1.5.1. There is no limit for number of tournaments category "Challenger" played in each season.
- 2.1.5.2. No country should organise more than 2 (two) tournaments category "Challenger" per season. Exception of this rule is made by Implementation group in the case of necessity for development of billiard-hockey.
- 2.1.5.3. Basic schedule of tournaments category "Challenger" is made by Directorial Committee on its regular session the year before and completed and changed by Implementation group before or during the season in accordance with The Rulebook of WTHA.
- 2.1.5.4. Proposals of candidates have to be sent to implementation group of the World Table Hockey Association, minimally six weeks before the date of tournament.
- 2.1.5.5. The tournament category „Challenger“ has to be announced minimally 4 (four) weeks before its term.
- 2.1.5.6. Minimally 8 players have to participate at any of the "Challenger" category tournament. If there is not minimally 8 players present at the tournament before its beginning, tournament would not be counted to the WTHA Tour and other statistics of WTHA.
- 2.1.6. Requirements for organisers of tournament of WTHA Tour**
- 2.1.6.1. Minimal requirements for organiser of tournament of WTHA Tour: useful place (enough space, enough light, toilets, sound...), enough equipment ("FAJN" or "UNIE"), cups or some other prizes for best players (*specified in 2.1.6.2.*), announce the possibilities of accommodation and board (meals) in proper quality and price, accommodation free for members of Implementation group of WTHA (if their staying is necessary), promotion of billiard-hockey and the tournament in organising country (in schools, in media), etc.
- 2.1.6.2. Obligatory prizes: At "Masters" category tournament minimally cups for three best players and voluntary more prizes; at "Challenger" category tournament minimally cup for the winner and voluntary more prizes.
- 2.1.7. Responsibility of organisers**
- 2.1.7.1. All organisers of tournaments are responsible for the organising of the tournament and for keeping the rules for organising the tournaments.
- 2.1.7.2. All organisers name in the proposal of candidates a person in charge (director of the tournament) - with full address, email and phone number. This person is considered to be the responsible person for WTHA. The contacts are put into the official tournament announcement.
- 2.1.7.3. If there are not minimally 16 participants at the tournament of category „Master“, organisers are punished as follows:
- 2.1.7.3.1. The country should host only tournament category „Challenger“ next season.
- 2.1.7.3.2. Foreign participants, regularly registered for participating and present at the venue, are reimbursed 1/3 of travel costs if the tournament is played as category „Challenger“ (8-15 participants) or 2/3 of travel costs (cheapest possibility) if the tournament is not counted to WTHA Tour (7 and less participants). The money must be paid by organiser to the participants directly at the tournament.
- 2.2. Continental championships**
- 2.2.1. European Championship - rules for organising European Championship for individuals are same as for European Championship for teams. See below.
- 2.3. World championship**
- 2.3.1. World Championship – rules for organising World Championship for individuals are same as for World Championship for teams. See below.
- 2.4. Common rules**
- 2.4.1. Categories - for all competitions directed by WTHA there are these categories:
- 2.4.1.1. Men - all men 19 year and older
- 2.4.1.2. Juniors - all men 18 years and younger (decisive is the year of birth)
- 2.4.1.3. Ladies - all women (not divided according to age)
- 2.4.2. Rules of the game are the same as for teams' competitions. See below.

- 2.4.3. Tournament systems - depends on number of participants
- 2.4.3.1 3-4 players: play twice one to each other
- 2.4.3.2 5-8 players: play once one to each other
- 2.4.3.3 9-12 players: 3 basic groups, 3-4 final groups
- 2.4.3.4 13-16 players: 4 basic groups, 3-4 final groups
- 2.4.3.5 17 and more: "two loses spider" (Czech spider with one reparation); If the final match is drawn after regular time, the match is prolonged 9 minutes (3 + 6) sudden death. If the match is drawn after overtime, penalty shots are played – 5 at each side!, then 1 at each side (sudden death); other matches are in draw case prolonged 3 minutes sudden death, after it penalty shots – 3 at each side, then 1 at each side.
- 2.4.3.6 More than 128: qualification is played. - Maximally 128 players can participate in the main competition of any of the WTHA Tour tournaments. If there are more players want to participate, qualification is played.
- 2.4.3.7 Qualification: 1. Qualification participants are drawn only from the players which register themselves just at the tournament, 2. They are drawn couples of rivals, which play KO one match (e.g. 133 participants = 10 players into qualification), 3. Winners go to the main competition, losers play group 129+
- 2.4.3.8 Common rules for group playing: 1/ more points, 2/ mutual match (only in case that two players have same points), 3/ more wins, 4/ goal difference, 5/ more scored goals (goals for), 6/ more scored goals (goals for) in one match)
- 2.4.3.9 Common rules for group playing: the mutual matches of players from the same country are scheduled prior to the others.
- 2.4.4. Computer ranking systems for seeding into the tournaments
- 2.4.4.1. Computer for all tournaments of WTHA Tour – Last five results ("computer points" – see Enclosure No. 1) of player at "Master" category tournaments of WTHA Tour are counted into this computer. The new one cross the fifth (oldest) result. The sum of point is divided by number of counted tournaments, but minimally by three (3). --- Player is taken out of the „computer ranking“ after two years of no activity at WTHA Tour (however this is used only for countries, which officially asks Implementation Group to use it)
- 2.4.4.2. Computer for continental and World championship – MEN & JUNIORS – Last five results (all position points for championship) of player (men and juniors) in continental or/and world championships are counted into this computer. Players of juniors category are counted only 3/4 (three quarters) of points from "all position points for championship". The new one cross the fifth (oldest) result. The sum of points is divided by number of counted tournaments, but minimally by three (3). --- Player is taken out of the „computer ranking“ after five years of no activity at EC/WC (however this is used only for countries, which officially asks Implementation Group to use it)
- 2.4.4.3. Computer for continental and World championship – LADIES – Last five results (all position points for championship) of player (ladies) in continental or/and world championships are counted into this computer. The new one cross the fifth (oldest) result. The sum of points is divided by number of counted tournaments, but minimally by three (3). --- Player is taken out of the „computer ranking“ after five years of no activity at EC/WC (however this is used only for countries, which officially asks Implementation Group to use it)
- 2.4.4.4. Number of seeded players into the tournament is decided by the number of participants at the tournament:
- | Players in tournament (system) | Seeded players |
|--|--|
| 1 – 8 (one group, once one to each other) | all |
| 9 – 16 (groups) | one to each group |
| 17 – 64 (two loses spider) | 8 |
| 65 – 128 (two loses spider) | 16 |
| 129 & more (qualification, two loses spider) | 16 , seeded players would not play qualification |
- If there are not enough players to be seeded (they have no points in computer ranking system), there is seeded less number of participants (all with points in computer ranking system).

3. Competition rules - teams - BILLIARD-HOCKEY

3.1. Championships for clubs

Attention !!! - temporary arrangement

European Masters Cup and WTHA Cup are played by “3 members team”. Composition of the team is 3 players + 2 substitutes. Conditions for final tournaments played in 2010 will be decided by Implementation Group of WTHA (or Tournament Committee).

Proposals of legislature for “3 members team” will be decided at DC session in 2010.

3.1.1 European Masters' Cup

- 3.1.1.1. EMC is international competition for clubs, which are national champions or which are chosen by different way.
- 3.1.1.2. Each member country should nominate only one team. **Name of the team has to be announced by the end of January to the WTHA implementation group.**
- 3.1.1.3. Maximally 4 (four) teams may play the final tournament (EMC FINAL 4). If there are more than 4 (four) teams applied for participating, implementation group will decide the way of qualification for the final tournament.
- 3.1.1.4. EMC FINAL 4 is organised together with one of WTHA Tour tournaments, category “Master”. Countries, which organise WTHA Tour tournaments, category “Master”, take turns in organising EMC FINAL 4 in accordance with decision of directorial committee. **Directorial Committee approves organiser (country) of EMC FINAL 4 always at its regular session the year before.**
- 3.1.1.5. EMC FINAL 4 organising country must be different from country organising European Championship as well as WTHA CUP FINAL 4 the same year.
- 3.1.1.6. EMC FINAL 4 organising country must have one (1) team participating in the competition (EMC).
- 3.1.1.7. For EMC are always used “5 members team” matches: a. each match between teams consists of 5 rounds with 5 matches, b. the team should nominate maximally 8 players for match, c. players of basic line-up (positions 1-5) must play minimally one match
- 3.1.1.8. For EMC CUP FINAL 4 should team uses maximally twelve (12) players.
- 3.1.1.9. Maximally twelve (12) players should be enlisted to historical tables as winners of EMC. Priority in this order: at first players who played in EMC FINAL 4, at second players who played in other EMC matches (EMC FINAL 4 qualification), at third other members of the club.
- 3.1.1.10. Name of the winning team is written on the pedestal of the EMC challenge cup (given by Czech Table hockey Players´ Union in 1995). EMC challenge cup is taken to EMC FINAL 4 by defending champion. EMC FINAL 4 organiser buys lessen copies of challenge cup for winning team and teams at 2nd and 3rd place.
- 3.1.1.11. EMC FINAL 4 organiser provides accommodation or covers expenses for accommodation of participants of EMC FINAL 4 (2 nights – eight persons per team).
- 3.1.1.12. EMC FINAL 4 tournament system: --- 4 teams: 2 semi-finals (drawn), final match and bronze match; 3 teams: one to each other (order of the match is drawn); 2 teams: one decisive match.
- 3.1.1.13. If the score of a match is draw, the sum of goals is decisive to decide the winner of the match. This is not true if there are three (3) teams in EMC FINAL 4. In this case decisive is: 1/ more points, 2/ mutual match (only point score, not goals), 3/ point score from all matches – score difference, 4/ point score from all matches – score portion, 5/ mutual match (goal score), 6/ goal score from all matches.

3.1.2 WTHA Cup

- 3.1.2.1. WTHA Cup is international competition for clubs, which are national cup winners or which are chosen by different way.
- 3.1.2.2. One team per member country may participate at WTHA Cup + defending champion. **Name of the team has to be announced by the end of January to the WTHA implementation group.**
- 3.1.2.3. If there are less then 4 (four) teams registered for participating at WTHA Cup, combined team of players from different countries may participate.
- 3.1.2.4. Maximally 4 (four) teams may play the final tournament (WTHA CUP FINAL 4). If there are more than 4 (four) teams applied for participating, implementation group will decide the way of qualification for the final tournament.
- 3.1.2.5. WTHA CUP FINAL 4 is organised together with one of WTHA Tour tournaments, category “Master”. Countries, which organise WTHA Tour tournaments, category

“Master”, take turns in organising WTHA CUP FINAL 4 in accordance with decision of directorial committee.

- 3.1.2.6. WTHA CUP FINAL 4 organising country must be different from country organising European Championship as well as EMC FINAL 4 the same year.
- 3.1.2.7. WTHA CUP FINAL 4 organising country must have one (1) team participating in the competition (WTHA CUP).
- 3.1.2.8. For WTHA CUP are always used “5 members team” matches: a. each match between teams consists of 5 rounds with 5 matches, b. the team should nominate maximally 8 players for match, c. players of basic line-up (positions 1-5) must play minimally one match
- 3.1.2.9. For WTHA CUP FINAL 4 should team uses maximally twelve (12) players.
- 3.1.2.10. Maximally twelve (12) players should be enlisted to historical tables as winners of WTHA CUP. Priority in this order: at first players who played in WTHA CUP FINAL 4, at second players who played in other WTHA CUP matches (WTHA CUP FINAL 4 qualification), at third other members of the club. Combined team (in accordance with 3.1.2.3.) should enlist as winners only players who played WTHA CUP FINAL 4.
- 3.1.2.11. Name of the winning team is written on the pedestal of the WTHA CUP challenge cup (given by Czech Table hockey Players´ Union in 2002). WTHA CUP challenge cup is taken to WTHA CUP FINAL 4 by defending champion. WTHA CUP FINAL 4 organiser buys lessen copies of challenge cup for winning team and teams at 2nd and 3rd place.
- 3.1.2.12. WTHA CUP FINAL 4 organiser provides accommodation or covers expenses for accommodation of participants of WTHA CUP FINAL 4 (2 nights – eight persons per team).
- 3.1.2.13. WTHA CUP FINAL 4 tournament system: --- 4 teams: 2 semi-finales (drawn), final match and bronze match; 3 teams: one to each other (order of the match is drawn); 2 teams: one decisive match.

If the score of a match is draw, the sum of goals is decisive to decide the winner of the match. This is not true if there are three (3) teams in WTHA CUP FINAL 4. In this case decisive is: 1/ more points, 2/ mutual match (only point score, not goals), 3/ point score from all matches – score difference, 4/ point score from all matches – score portion, 5/ mutual match (goal score), 6/ goal score from all matches.

3.1.3 Schools Challenger (under 16 years)

- 3.1.3.1. SC is international competition for school teams or leisure centre teams.
- 3.1.3.2. Each member country should nominate maximally 2 (two) teams, plus defending champion. These are preferably best teams of national Leagues of schools. **Names of the teams have to be announced by the end of January to the WTHA implementation group.**
- 3.1.3.3. Maximally 12 (twelve) teams may play the final tournament (SC FINAL). If there are more than 12 (twelve) teams applied for participating, implementation group will decide the way of qualification for the final tournament.
- 3.1.3.4. SC FINAL is organised together with one of WTHA Tour tournaments, category “Master”. Countries, which organise WTHA Tour tournaments, category “Master”, take turns in organising SC FINAL in accordance with decision of directorial committee.
- 3.1.3.5. SC FINAL organising country must have minimally one (1) team participating in the competition (SC).
- 3.1.3.6. For SC are always used “3 members team” matches: a. match between teams consists of 3 rounds with 3 matches or of 1 round with 3 matches (depends on tournament timetable in accordance with decision of implementation group), b. the team should nominate maximally 5 players for match, c. players of basic line-up (positions 1-3) must play minimally one match
- 3.1.3.7. For SC FINAL should team uses maximally eight (8) players.
- 3.1.3.8. Maximally eight (8) players should be enlisted to historical tables as winners of SC. Priority in this order: at first players who played in SC FINAL, at second players who played in other SC matches (SC FINAL qualification), at third other members of the club.
- 3.1.3.9. Name of the winning team is written on the pedestal of the SC challenge cup (given by Czech Table hockey Players´ Union in 2002). SC challenge cup is taken to SC FINAL by defending champion. SC FINAL organiser buys lessen copies of challenge cup for winning team and teams at 2nd and 3rd place.
- 3.1.3.10. SC FINAL organiser provides accommodation or covers expenses for accommodation of participants of SC FINAL (2 nights – five persons per team).

- 3.1.3.11. SC FINAL tournament system depends on number of participating teams and is decided by implementation group.
- 3.1.4. Common rule for European Masters Cup and WTHA Cup – foreign players in a team**
- 3.1.4.1. Maximal number of foreign players in a team:
 At competitions “5 x 5” 3, but maximally 2 playing in any round
 At competitions “3 x 3” 2, but maximally 1 playing in any round
- 3.1.4.2. Player who is a member of the club, who is playing for, if he plays for this team also national team competition and if he is not registered in his home country is not considered to be a foreign player.
- 3.1.4.3. !!! Also all requirements of involved national associations are demanded !!!**
- 3.1.4.4. If the club want to use foreign players for team competition, it has to announce their names together with the entry to the competition (minimally 2 weeks before the competition in any case). Controversy situations are decided by WTHA Implementation group.
- 3.2. Continental championships**
- 3.2.1. European Championship
- 3.2.1.1. European Championship for teams takes place each year in one of the European countries, except the years of World Championship.
- 3.2.1.2. European Championship for teams takes place in the same term and same place as European Championship for individuals.
- 3.2.1.3. Directorial committee approves organiser, term and place of European Championship at its regular session the year before (-six months before the European Championship at the latest!).
- 3.2.1.4. **Minimal requirements for organiser of European Championship:** useful place (enough space, enough light, cloak rooms, toilets, sound...), enough equipment (“FAJN”), cups and other prizes for best players (*obligatory cups for three bests in each category of individuals, cups and 5 medals for three best teams*), accommodation and board (meals) in proper quality and price, accommodation free for members of Implementation group of WTHA, home players participating (in all categories), promotion of billiard-hockey in organising country (in schools, in media etc.), place for session of Directorial committee of WTHA, etc.
- 3.2.1.5. Directorial committee approves organiser, term and place in according with development of table hockey and with 3.2.1.4. (Better conditions win).
- 3.2.1.6. Proposals of candidates have to be sent to implementation group of the World Table Hockey Association. Implementation group has to receive it minimally two (2) weeks before the official session of directorial committee.
- 3.3. World championship**
- 3.3.1. World Championship for teams takes place once in four (4) years, starting by 2004.
- 3.3.2. World Championship for teams takes place in the same term and same place as World Championship for individuals.
- 3.3.3. Directorial committee approves organiser, term and place of World Championship at its session the year before (-six months before the World Championship at the latest!).
- 3.3.4. **Minimal requirements for organiser of World Championship:** useful place (enough space, enough light, cloak rooms, toilets, sound...), enough equipment (“FAJN”), cups and other prizes for best players (*obligatory cups for three bests in each category of individuals, cups and 5 medals for three best teams*), accommodation and board (meals) in proper quality and price, accommodation free for members of Implementation group of WTHA, home players participating (in all categories), promotion of billiard-hockey in organising country (in schools, in media etc.), place for session of Directorial committee of WTHA, etc.
- 3.3.5. Directorial committee approves organiser, term and place in according with development of table hockey and with 3.3.4. (Better conditions win).
- 3.3.6. Proposals of candidates have to be sent to implementation group of the World Table Hockey Association. Implementation group has to receive it minimally two (2) weeks before the official session of directorial committee.
- 3.4. Common rules**
- 3.4.1. Rules of the game
- 3.4.1.1. Rulebook used at continental or World championship and at European Masters´ Cup: Only the official international rulebook of billiard-hockey should be used at these competitions.

- 3.4.1.2. Rulebook used at other competitions directed by WTHA: Organiser should decide which rulebook would be used for the competition. There are two possibilities: 1. Official international rulebook of billiard-hockey OR 2. National rulebook of billiard-hockey (according to country of organiser). The chosen type of rulebook has to be announced minimally one two (2) weeks before the competition takes place.
- 3.4.2. Tournament systems - tournament systems is decided by the implementation group of WTHA according to number of participating teams, type of matches (3, 4, 5 members teams) and the conditions of organiser (number of playgrounds, space, time, etc.)

4. Competition rules - AIR-HOCKEY

4.1. Equipment

- 4.1.1. Tables – preferred tables are “Dynamo” brand; only at the venues where are not these tables also other air-hockey tables are accepted.

4.2. Leading

- 4.2.1. Air-hockey competitions are directed by air-hockey division of WTHA. The head of the division is responsible for these competitions and is voted once in four years.

4.3. Competitions

- 4.3.1. European championship – since WTHA organises once a year European championship for teams and individuals (both tournaments together)
- 4.3.2. The organiser of EC is decided at the session of WTHA air-hockey division. The session, which decides the organiser, has to take place at air-hockey championship in previous years. The right to vote organiser has countries playing at the championship where the session takes place. Captains of teams or representatives of national associations votes.
- 4.3.3. Instead of European championship WTHA organises air-hockey tournaments for teams and individuals all around the world. Conditions for these tournaments are prepared by the head of air-hockey division and ratified by Implementation group.

5. Competition rules - ROD-HOCKEY

5.1. Leading

- 5.1.1. Rod-hockey competitions are directed by rod-hockey division of WTHA. The head of the division is responsible for these competitions and is voted once in four years.

6. Competition rules - MULTITABLE

6.1. Competitions

- 6.1.1. World Table Hockey Association organises table hockey multicontest competitions – multitable – including continental and world championships.
- 6.1.2. Composition of multicontest and tournament rules are decided by a) directorial committee, b) implementation group.
- 6.1.3. Multitable point tables are described in Enclosure No. 2.

7. Competition rules – ALL DISCIPLINES

7.1. Wild Cards

- 7.1.1. For each discipline and each country only one wild card for continental/world championship should be given - a) by WTHA, agreed by national association, member of WTHA – or b) by national association (member of WTHA), agreed by Implementation group of WTHA

8. Leading of WTHA

8.1. Implementation group (the board)

- 8.1.1. The practical function of the World Table Hockey Association is provided by the implementation group, which consists of a) President of the World Table hockey Association, b) organisational director, c) Treasurer.
- 8.1.2. Members of implementation group are voted by Directorial committee once in four (4) years
- 8.1.3. All situation which are not mentioned in this WTHA Rulebook are up to the decision of implementation group.

8.2. Directorial (directive) committee (representatives` session)

- 8.2.1. Official session of directorial committee is minimally once a year (at World Championship or at continental championship). If it is necessary it is more times a year (at the tournaments of WTHA Tour). This must be announced minimally two (2) weeks before the session takes place.

- 8.2.2. One representative of each country is member of directive committee of the World Table Hockey Association. It has one (1) vote. This representative must be member of undersigned WTHA member country (means member of its undersigned national association) and must be also citizen of this country!
- 8.2.3. President of WTHA has a vote at the session of directorial committee only if he is a representative of his country. If he is not representative of his country, he takes a part at the Directorial Committee session as its regular member and head but has no vote. - If he could not participate at the session of directorial committee he should be represented by one of the other members of implementation group as a head of the session.
- 8.2.4. Minimally three (3) members (according to 4.2.2. and 4.2.3.) of directorial committee have to participate at any of its session to be the session valid.
- 8.2.5. The proposal is accepted if the majority of present members is for (agree).
- 8.2.6. Any member (-person) of directorial committee cannot have more than one (1) vote.

We respect all points of this Rulebook of WTHA.

We also respect all changes of this Rulebook of WTHA, which are made by regular session of directorial committee.

By the sign of this Rulebook of WTHA the country is full member of WTHA with all obligations and rights.