

THE RULEBOOK OF WORLD TABLE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

15th version (summarised by 31st December 2015)

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 organiser.
- 1.6. **Competitions days and time of beginning (rod-hockey Chemoplast competitions)** – time and days of WTHA Tour tournaments are decided by organiser.
- 1.7. **Measuring of match time** in WTHA billiard-hockey competitions – the match time is measured by "MUSIC" (cassette or CD).
 - 1.7.1. 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 / CD with the measuring music "Dvornik" should be bought in the seat of Czech Table Hockey Players Union (UHSH) in Brno.
 - 1.7.2. 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.
- 1.8. **Measuring of match time** in WTHA rod-hockey Chemoplast competitions – the match time is measured by "MUSIC" (cassette or CD), recommended: overtime of "Dvornik" (overtime of "Czech billiard-hockey measuring")
- 1.9. **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.
 - 1.9.1. 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"
 - 1.9.2. Criteria for drawing to the tournament committee:

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| | Less than 4 participating countries | minimally one member per country |
| | 4 participating countries | one member per country |
| | More than 4 participating countries | maximally one member per country |
- 1.9.3. 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.
- 1.9.4. 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.
- 1.9.5. 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.
- 1.10. **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.
- 1.11. **Registry fee of tournaments** – paid by organiser
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| • WTHA Tour – Master category (b-h) | 100 EUR |
| • WTHA Tour – Master category (b-h) + other discipline tournaments | 120 EUR |
| • WTHA Tour – Master category (b-h) + team b-h tournaments | 110 EUR |
| • WTHA Tour – Master category (b-h) + team + other disc.tournaments | 125 EUR |
| • WTHA Tour – Challenger category (b-h) ... 1 st and 2 nd in the season | 10 EUR |
| • WTHA Tour – Challenger category (b-h) ... 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th in the season | 25 EUR |
| • WTHA Tour – Master category (r-h Chemoplast) | 25 EUR |
| • WTHA Tour – Challenger category (r-h Chemoplast) | 10 EUR |
| • Other disciplines (solo tournaments) | 25 EUR |
| • European championship (all connected events) | 200 EUR |
| • World championship (all connected events) | 250 EUR |
- 1.12. **Advertising at WTHA competitions**
- 1.12.1. WTHA rights - WTHA should use all means of andvertising at any WTHA event, except names of open tournaments which should be used by organiser (WTHA should use them only if this right is not used by organiser): e.g. names of championships, logos in bulletins, advertising at the venue etc.
- 1.12.2. Organiser rights - Organiser should use all means of advertising at the event which organises, except the names of European / world championships and except collisions with WTHA sponsors (esp. companies in the same branch and market). Each advertising has to be supported by valid agreement (e.g. sponsors agreement – the form is not relevant) and the means of advertising cannot be transmised to third person without WTHA agreement.
- 1.12.3. Participants rights - Each participants should place adverstising at WTHA event, where takes place if:
- The advertising is announced and agreed by WTHA two weeks before the event at the latest
 - There is no collision with WTHA and/or organiser rights
 - Pay the fee (50 EUR at EC/WC per each 2 square metres, 20 EUR at Master tournaments per each 2 square metres, 10 EUR at other tournaments per each 2 square metres). The fee for advertising in printed metters will be decided at the each event separately. The fee will be devided between WTHA and organiser.
- 1.12.4. Members rights - Each member should place adverstising at WTHA event, where does not take place if:
- The advertising is announced and agreed by WTHA two weeks before the event at the latest
 - There is no collision with WTHA and/or organiser rights
 - Pay the fee (200% of the fees for participant). The fee will be devided between WTHA and organiser.

2. Competition rules - 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 the end of previous season (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. 2). 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 accordance 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 Committee.

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 then 5 (five) 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. Common rules

- 2.2.1. Categories - for all competitions directed by WTHA there are these categories:
 - 2.2.1.1. Men - all men 19 year and older
 - 2.2.1.2. Juniors - all men 18 years and younger (decisive is the year of birth)
 - 2.2.1.3. Ladies - all women (not divided according to age)
- 2.2.2. Rules of the game are the same as for teams' competitions. See below.
- 2.2.3. Tournament systems - depends on number of participants
 - 2.2.3.1. 3-4 players: round-robin (twice)
 - 2.2.3.2. 5-9 players: round-robin (once); *at continental/world championships valid for 5-8 players only*
 - 2.2.3.3. 10 players: 2 basic groups, placement matches; *not valid for continental/world championships*
 - 2.2.3.4. 11-12 players: 3 basic groups, 3-4 final groups; *not valid for continental/world championships*
 - 2.2.3.5. 13-16 players: 4 basic groups, 3-4 final groups; *not valid for continental/world championships*
 - 2.2.3.6. 9 and more (*continental and world championships only*): Swiss system – a) draws are allowed, b) no seeding, c) number of rounds depends on number of participants: 9-16 (5 rounds), 17-64 (6 rounds), 65-128 (7 rounds). Decisive criterions: a) points, b) points of opponents - SOS, c) points of opponents' opponents - SOSOS
 - 2.2.3.7. 17 and more (*open tournaments only*): Swiss system – a) draws are allowed, b) no seeding, c) number of rounds depends on number of participants: 16-32 (5 rounds), 33-64 (6 rounds), 65-128 (7 rounds). Decisive criterions: a) points, b) points of opponents - SOS, c) points of opponents' opponents - SOSOS
 - 2.2.3.8. 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.
 - 2.2.3.9. 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+
- 2.2.3.10. If there are more than 128 players who regularly made entry in advance, all of them play the main competition. Players who make entry at the tournament play the “rest group” only (classified as a part of tournament). In that case more than 128 players play the tournament this way: 1) If there are more players than 1 with full points after the sixth round of Swiss system (12th tournament round), they have to play their seventh matches in the first half of 7th round of Swiss system (13th tournament round), 2) If there are two players with full points after seven matches (13th tournament round), they play the decisive final game in the 14th tournament round (3 minutes overtime, 5 penalty shots, if necessary)
- 2.2.3.11. 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)
- 2.2.3.12. Common rules for group playing: the mutual matches of players from the same country are scheduled prior to the others.
- 2.2.3.13. Tournament system for Challenger category tournament is set by organiser.

2.3. Championships for clubs

2.3.1. European Masters' Cup

- 2.3.1.1. EMC is international competition for clubs, which are national champions or which are chosen by different way.
- 2.3.1.2. Each European member country should nominate only one team, except organiser which should nominate two teams. Name of the team has to be announced one month prior to the event at the latest to the WTHA implementation group.
- 2.3.1.3. EMC is organised together with one of WTHA Tour tournaments, category “Master”. Countries, which organise WTHA Tour tournaments, category “Master”, take turns in organising EMC in accordance with decision of directorial committee. Directorial Committee approves organiser (country) of EMC always at its regular session the year before.
- 2.3.1.4. EMC organising country must participate in the competition (EMC).
- 2.3.1.5. For EMC are always used “3 members team” matches: a. each match between teams consists of 3 rounds with 3 matches (3x3), b. the team should nominate maximally 5 players for match, c. players of basic line-up (positions 1-3) must play minimally one match.
- 2.3.1.6. Tournament system is decided by tournament committee.
- 2.3.1.7. Common rules for tournament system – groups: decisive 1/ more points, 2/ mutual match (in the case of two teams share only) – points score, goals score, 3/ more wins, 4/ points score from all matches – difference, winning points, 5/ goals score from all matches – difference, scored goals.
- 2.3.1.8. Common rules for tournament system – decisive matches: If the match is drawn – 1/ goal sum, 2/ extra match (1x1, 3´ overtime + penalty shots, if necessary).
- 2.3.1.9. For EMC team should use maximally eight (8) players. Only participating players should be enlisted to historical tables as winners of EMC.
- 2.3.1.10. 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 by defending champion. EMC organiser buys less than copies of challenge cup for winning team and teams at 2nd and 3rd place.
- 2.3.1.11. EMC organiser provides accommodation or covers expenses for accommodation of participants of EMC (1 night, max. five persons per team).

2.3.2. WTHA Cup

- 2.3.2.1. WTHA Cup is international competition for clubs, which are national cup winners or which are chosen by different way.
- 2.3.2.2. Each member country should nominate only one team, except organiser which should nominate two teams. Name of the team has to be announced one month prior to the event at the latest to the WTHA implementation group.
- 2.3.2.3. WTHAC is organised together with one of WTHA Tour tournaments, category “Master”. Countries, which organise WTHA Tour tournaments, category “Master”, take turns in organising WTHAC in accordance with decision of directorial committee. Directorial Committee approves organiser (country) of WTHAC always at its regular session the year before.

- 2.3.2.4. WTHAC organising country must participate in the competition (WTHAC).
- 2.3.2.5. For WTHAC are always used "3 members team" matches: a. each match between teams consists of 3 rounds with 3 matches (3x3), b. the team should nominate maximally 5 players for match, c. players of basic line-up (positions 1-3) must play minimally one match.
- 2.3.2.6. Tournament system is decided by tournament committee.
- 2.3.2.7. Common rules for tournament system – groups: decisive 1/ more points, 2/ mutual match (in the case of two teams share only) – points score, goals score, 3/ more wins, 4/ points score from all matches – difference, winning points, 5/ goals score from all matches – difference, scored goals.
- 2.3.2.8. Common rules for tournament system – decisive matches: If the match is drawn – 1/ goal sum, 2/ extra match (1x1, 3' overtime + penalty shots, if necessary).
- 2.3.2.9. For WTHAC team should use maximally eight (8) players. Only participating players should be enlisted to historical tables as winners of WTHAC.
- 2.3.2.10. Name of the winning team is written on the pedestal of the WTHAC challenge cup (given by Czech Table hockey Players' Union in 2002). WTHAC challenge cup is taken to WTHAC by defending champion. EMC organiser buys lessen copies of challenge cup for winning team and teams at 2nd and 3rd place.
- 2.3.2.11. WTHAC organiser provides accommodation or covers expenses for accommodation of participants of EMC (1 night, max. five persons per team).
- 2.3.3. Schools Challenger (under 16 years)**
- 2.3.3.1. Schools Challenger is international competition for best national school teams, or for U16 teams chosen in different way.
- 2.3.3.2. Each member country should nominate max. two teams, except organiser which should nominate three teams. Names of the teams have to be announced one month prior to the event at the latest to the WTHA implementation group.
- 2.3.3.3. SC is organised together with one of WTHA Tour tournaments, category "Master". Countries, which organise WTHA Tour tournaments, category "Master", take turns in organising SC in accordance with decision of directorial committee. Directorial Committee approves organiser (country) of SC always at its regular session the year before.
- 2.3.3.4. SC organising country must participate in the competition (SC).
- 2.3.3.5. For EMC are always used "3 members team" matches: a. each match between teams consists of 3 rounds with 3 matches (3x3) or of one round with 3 matches (1x3), b. the team should nominate maximally 5 players for match, c. players of basic line-up (positions 1-3) must play minimally one match.
- 2.3.3.6. Tournament system is decided by tournament committee.
- 2.3.3.7. Common rules for tournament system – groups: decisive 1/ more points, 2/ mutual match (in the case of two teams share only) – points score, goals score, 3/ more wins, 4/ points score from all matches – difference, winning points, 5/ goals score from all matches – difference, scored goals.
- 2.3.3.8. Common rules for tournament system – decisive matches: If the match is drawn – 1/ goal sum, 2/ extra match (1x1, 3' overtime + penalty shots, if necessary).
- 2.3.3.9. For SC team should use maximally eight (8) players. Only participating players should be enlisted to historical tables as winners of SC.
- 2.3.3.10. 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 by defending champion. SC organiser buys lessen copies of challenge cup for winning team and teams at 2nd and 3rd place.
- 2.3.3.11. SC organiser provides accommodation or covers expenses for accommodation of participants of SC (1 night, max. six persons per team).
- 2.3.4. Common rule for club team competitions – foreign players in a team**
- 2.3.4.1. Maximal number of foreign players in a team:
 At competitions "3 x 3" 2, but maximally 1 playing in any round
 At competitions "1 x 3" 2, but maximally 1 playing in any match
- 2.3.4.2. 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.
- 2.3.4.3. !!! Also all requirements of involved national associations are demanded !!!**

- 2.3.4.4. If the club want to use foreign players for team competition, it has to announce their names together with the entry to the competition. Controversy situations are decided by WTHA Implementation group.

2.4. Continental championships

2.4.1. European Championship

- 2.4.1.1. European Championship (individuals and teams) takes place once in four years (2014, 2018, etc.) in one of the European countries.

- 2.4.1.2. Directorial committee approves organiser, term and place of European Championship at its session.

- 2.4.1.3. **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.

- 2.4.1.4. Directorial committee approves organiser, term and place in according with development of table hockey and with previous point (Better conditions win).

- 2.4.1.5. 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.

2.5. World championship

- 2.5.1. World Championship (teams, individuals) takes place once in four (4) years, starting by 2004.

- 2.5.2. Directorial committee approves organiser, term and place of World Championship at its session.

- 2.5.3. **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.

- 2.5.4. Directorial committee approves organiser, term and place in according with development of table hockey and with previous point (Better conditions win).

- 2.5.5. 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.

2.6. Common rules

2.6.1. Rules of the game

- 2.6.1.1. 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.

- 2.6.1.2. 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. Competition rules - AIR-HOCKEY

3.1. Equipment

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

3.2. Leading

- 3.2.1. 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.

3.3. Competitions

- 3.3.1. European championship – WTHA organises once in four years (2014, 2018, etc.) European championship for teams and individuals (both tournaments together).

- 3.3.2. World Championship – WTHA organises once in four years (2016, 2020, etc.) World championship for teams and individuals (both tournaments together).
- 3.3.3. The organiser of EC / WC is decided at the Directorial Committee session of WTHA.
- 3.3.4. Instead of European and world championships 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.

4. Competition rules - ROD-HOCKEY

4.1. Leading

- 4.1.1. 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.

4.2. WTHA Tour – rod-hockey Chemoplast

4.2.1. System of WTHA Tour

- 4.2.1.1. WTHA Tour consists of minimally 3 (three) tournaments per season.
- 4.2.1.2. Only 4 (four) best results (points) of each player are counted to the final standing of WTHA Tour.
- 4.2.1.3. The term of WTHA Tour – January 1 to December 31.

4.2.2. Participants

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

4.2.3. Points system

- 4.2.3.1. Categories standing of WTHA Tour – ALL POSITION POINTS: equal to billiard-hockey WTHA Tour, including point system, decisive criterions and categories of players.

4.2.4. Tournaments - category “Master”

- 4.2.4.1. Organiser has to announce the tournament 10 weeks before at the latest to Implementation group. WTHA announces the tournament 8 weeks before at the latest.
- 4.2.4.2. Minimally 12 players have to participate.

4.2.5. Tournaments – category “Challenger”

- 4.2.5.1. Organiser has to announce the tournament 6 weeks before at the latest to Implementation group. WTHA announces the tournament 4 weeks before at the latest.
- 4.2.5.2. Minimally 8 players have to participate.

4.2.6. Requirements for organisers of tournament of WTHA Tour

- 4.2.6.1. Minimal requirements for organiser of tournament of WTHA Tour: enough equipment of rod-hockey Chemoplast (minimally ¼ of number of participants)
- 4.2.6.2. Tournament system is decided by organiser respecting: a) minimal number of matches per participant – 4 at Master, 2 at Challenger, b) only winner of tournament should have only won matches, c) system gives final positions of all participants, d) decisive criterions for group playing are same as in billiard-hockey.
- 4.2.6.3. Entry fee paid by participants is decided by organiser.
- 4.2.6.4. Obligatory prizes: At “Masters” category tournament minimally cups for winner an category winner and voluntary more prizes; at “Challenger” category tournament minimally cup for the winner and voluntary more prizes.

5. Competition rules - MULTITABLE

5.1. Competitions

- 5.1.1. World Table Hockey Association organises table hockey multicontest competitions – multitable – including continental and world championships.
- 5.1.2. Composition of multicontest and tournament rules are decided by a) directorial committee, b) implementation group.
- 5.1.3. Multitable point tables are described in Enclosure No. 1.

6. Competition rules – ALL DISCIPLINES

- 6.1. For each discipline and 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
- 6.2. Each country should entry maximally 24 players for all continental/world championship disciplines together. The line-up should consist of max. 12 juniors, 12 women and 16 men (however max. 24 together). Each country should entry maximally 24 players for each continental/world championship discipline as well.

6.3. Ranking number for continental/world championship teams competition is the sum of standing of best players in continental/world championship individuals competitions (result of best men + result of best junior + result of best lady). Special cases: a) no junior is clasified in results = second best man result is counted, b) no lady is clasified in results = second best man result is counted, c) no junior and no lady clasified in results = second and third best men results are counted, d) no man is clasified in results = number of men participants + 1 is counted, e) only two individual players clasified in results = number of men participants + 1 is counted as third result, f) only one individual player clasified in results = number of men participants + 1 is counted twice as second and third results, g) the sum is equal: WTHA Tour decisive criterions are used.

7. Leading of WTHA

7.1. Implementation group (the board)

7.1.1. 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.

7.1.2. Members of implementation group are voted by Directorial committee once in four (4) years

7.1.3. All situation which are not mentioned in this WTHA Rulebook are up to the decision of implementation group.

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

7.2.1. 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.

7.2.2. 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!

7.2.3. 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.

7.2.4. Minimally three (3) members of directorial committee have to participate at any of its session to be the session valid.

7.2.5. The proposal is accepted if the majority of present members is for (agree).

7.2.6. 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.

ENCLOSURE NO. 1
MULTITABLE - point system

Individuals

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1. - 100	11. - 67	21. - 50	31. - 40	41. - 30	51. - 20	61. - 10	
2. - 95	12. - 65						
3. - 90	13. - 63						
4. - 87	14. - 61						
5. - 84	15. - 59						
6. - 81	16. - 57						
7. - 78	17. - 55						
8. - 75	18. - 53						
9. - 72	19. - 52						70. and
10.- 69	20. - 51	30. - 41	40. - 31	50. - 21	60. - 11		fol. - 1

Results from all disciplines/standards are counted and summed together. The points are counted in three categories - men, juniors U18 and ladies. The more points, the better. (WTHA Tour decisive criterions are used for equal points situations).

Teams

Results from all disciplines/standards are counted and summed together. The places in team competitions are counted together. It means the best team is given 1 point, second 2 points, etc. If the team does participate at any of disciplines, it is given as much points as last participating team + 1. The less points, the better. (WTHA Tour decisive criterions are used for equal points situations).

Attention:

If there are more disciplines of the same type (e.g. different rod hockey games), only the best results from these is counted the the final sum.

ENCLOSURE NO.2
WTHA Tour – point system

<i>Result in the tournament</i>	cat. Master	cat. Challenger
1.	160	90
2.	146	78
3.	134	68
4.	124	60
5.	115	54
6.	107	49
7.	100	45
8.	94	42
9.	89	40
10.	84	38
11.	79	36
12.	75	34
13.	71	32
14.	67	30
15.	63	28
16.	59	26
17.	55	24
18.	52	23
19.	49	22
20.	46	21
21.	43	20
22.	40	19
23.	37	18
24.	34	17
25.	31	16
26.	29	15
27.	27	14
28.	25	13
29.	23	12
30.	21	11
31.	19	10
32.	17	9
33.	15	8
34.	13	7
35.	11	6
36.	9	5
37.	7	4
38.	5	3
39.	3	2
40.	1	1

More players + 1 point / each participants

Less players - 1 point / each participants

WTHA - TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE LIST (by May 24, 2014)**1****Possible members of tournament committee**

All names are written in alphabetic order and without accent marks.

Czech Republic			Sweden			Russia			Poland		
1	BOHACEK	Martin	11	EKLUND	Mikael	21	BELAVIN	Dmitriy	31	BETKOWSKI	Robert
2	FERUGA	Bohumil	12	ERIKSSON-MENCL	Joan	22	BELAVINA	Irina	32	FRAJ	Robert
3	HASIL	Jakub	13	MANSSON	Jimi	23	KAZATSKAYA	Kristina	33	KOWALCZYK	Michal
4	HONSA	Petr	14	MANSSON	Matti	24	LAZAREV	Vassiliy	34	KUBICKI	Marcin
5	KUCERA	Martin	15	MENCL	Karel	25	MOSLOBOEV	Igor	35	KURASZ	Marek
6	MACH	Miloslav	16	SVENSSON	Sten	26	PURMAL	Galina	36	MAZURCZYK	Andrzej
7	MANN	Zdenek	17	none		27	TVERDOKHLEBOV	Sergey	37	ORNATOWSKI	Marcin
8	TICHAVSKY	Milan	18	none		28	VARGIN	German	38	PAWLOWSKI	Robert
9	VANCURA	Tomas	19	none		29	none		39	TARGOSZ	Dariusz
10	VINTR	Radek	20	none		30	none		40	none	

Germany			United States of America			Denmark			Slovakia		
41	SCHUBERT	Ingrid	51	MENCL	Viktor	61	JEPPESEN	Jakob	71	GABCO	Jakub
42	none		52	none		62	NIELSEN	Anders	72	CHLEBANA	Marian
43	none		53	none		63	SAND	Mikkel	73	STITNY	Marek
44	none		54	none		64	SAND	Majken	74	none	
45	none		55	none		65	SKOVMAND	Lars	75	none	
46	none		56	none		66	none		76	none	
47	none		57	none		67	none		77	none	
48	none		58	none		68	none		78	none	
49	none		59	none		69	none		79	none	
50	none		60	none		70	none		80	none	

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.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RULES - see the WTHA Rulebook- www.billiardhockey.com**WTHA - TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE LIST (by May 24, 2014)****2****Possible members of tournament committee**

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Spain and Catalunya			Pakistan			Namibia			India		
81	STURLESE	Mauro	91	UR-REHMAN	Zia	101	MUTALENI	Kristian	111	SURYA	Sandeep
82	none		92	UR-REHMAN	Habib	102	ZAUANA	Magdalena	112	none	
83	none		93	BOOTA	Muhammad	103	none		113	none	
84	none		94	MASOOD	Irfan	104	none		114	none	
85	none		95	IQBAL	Javed	105	none		115	none	
86	none		96	ALI	Imran	106	none		116	none	
87	none		97	GHAFFAR	Abdul	107	none		117	none	
88	none		98	WAHEED	Abdul	108	none		118	none	
89	none		99	IRFAN	M.	109	none		119	none	
90	none		100	KASSANA	Atif	110	none		120	none	

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