

## **1. General information**

The Mezz Bucharest Open is a tournament organised once a year by Robert Braga< representing SC Negative Space SRL and Bogdan Chirodea representing Asoc. Club SPotiv Magic Jump.

The Tournament is organised in partnership with IDM Club and IDM Pool Tour.

### **1.1. Announcements**

1.2 If possible two (2) months ahead of start the organizers will upload the announcement form on the [www.9ball.ro](http://www.9ball.ro) website with the date for announcement deadline.

1.3. Before an athlete can announce for an event, he / she needs to register first at [www.9ball.ro](http://www.9ball.ro) website.

1.4. Click at register on the website to register (the yellow button)

Fill in your athlete details.

Fill in your full name, phone number, country and E-mail address yes I want to participate.

My announcement is binding.

Click at submit.

You will then receive two E-mails from us:

(1) telling that your announcement is processed and that paying the entry fee will confirm your registration .

(2)In the Email you will get all information needed to pay the entry fee.

Upon the paying the Entry fee, a confirmation email will be sent to the athlete.

### **1.2. Payment of entry fee.**

1.2.1. Single entry prior to the event:

A. General Entry is 100 Euro.

A late fee of 10 is to be paid by all Players confirming at Accreditation.

Upon having more registrations than the maximum number of players ( 256 ) a first paid first entry rule will be in place.

1.2.2. Where possible, the draw will be made prior to the tournament with athletes who have paid being announced on the website [www.9ball.ro](http://www.9ball.ro) and IDM Pool Tour Facebook page.

The Draw will be ready not later than 23 hours on the night before the Tournament will Start.

### **1.3 Cancellation of announcements**

If an athlete has announced for a Mezz Bucharest Open event and has paid the entry fee, it is not allowed to cancel the participation.

The entry fee it is not transferable to another playerthat registered.

The entry fee can be transfered only to a new player that is not registered yet. This must be done in approval with the Torunament Director.

The paid entry fee will be forwarded to the athlete that is indicated by the one that is cancelling.

Cancellations within one week of the accreditation start of the event, can only be accepted if the

athlete is sick or has an accident or an accureness in that direction.

All cancellations within a week of the accreditation start of the event needs a certification from a doctor or police in order to make sure that the entry fee is not lost.

### **1.4 Accreditation and athletes meeting**

The athletes meeting will be held around 19.00h on the day of accreditation, it is advisable for allathletes to be present as the latest changes are announced.

Athletes not attending the meeting do so at their own risk and should be aware of the rules and regulations regarding this tournament.

The draw will be officially posted on the official website ( [www.9ball.ro](http://www.9ball.ro) ) and on the IDM Pool Tour facebook page after the athletes meeting.

### **1.5 System of the tournament**

Mezz Bucharest Open is a tournament with a maximum of 256 athletes (unless announced different) and the tournament starts with double elimination.

Single elimination starts from the last 32.

The tournament is played with 32 seeded athletes, based on the WPA rankings and Euro Tour ranking, which are seeded from numbers 1 to 32.

**The format of the Euro Tour can be changed by the tournament management.**

### **1.6 Races**

9-ball is the discipline played in 2019, and races are generally to 9 for the Double Elimination Stages with alternate Braking.

Last 32 players will play races to 11 alternate Breaking.

The tournament director has the right to amend the races before the tournament starts.

### **1.7 Prize money**

Guaranteed Prize fund is € 15000.

The prize money break down for 2019 event based on a full field of 256 are as follows:

Winner : (01x) € 4.000,00

Runner-up : (01x) € 2.000,00

3rd - 4th ( 02 x) € 1.000,00

5th : (04x) € 600,00

9th : (08x) € 400,00

17th : (16x) € 250,00

33rd : (16) € 100,00

All prize money will be paid in cash at the end of the Tournament.

All prizes announced are tax free as we the organizers will be paying the taxes on behalf of the players.

All players must provide an government issued ID ( Passport or National ID Card ) in order to be paid.

### **1.8 Ranking**

Mosconi Ranking - European Ranking

Mezz Bucharest Open is a Mosconi Ranking event Level 3

SINGLE ELIMINATION

RankPTS

1st           **17**

2nd           **15**

3rd-4th      **12**

5th-8th      **8**

9th-16th     **4**

17th-32nd   **2**

### **1.9 Referee's**

The Mezz Bucharest Open will endeavour to have at three (3) referees present at the venue for the duration of the event.

The athletes are responsible for match scoring through the equipment supplied and are responsible for calling the referee when needed.

### **1.10 Time limit**

In order to better control the schedule of an event, a shot clock can be implemented at any time during or even at the start of a match and is down to the TL's discretion.

After enforcing the shot clock the time for each shot is 35 seconds, with a warning after 25 seconds.

Each athlete will be allowed one 25-second extension during each rack.

The shot clock will be started when all balls come to rest, including spinning balls.

The shot clock will end when the cue tip strikes the cue ball to initiate a stroke or the when athlete's time expires from the shot clock.

If an athlete runs out of time, it will be a standard foul.

Shot clock will be automatically implemented from the beginning of the Semi Finals and Final matches.

This is due to the fact that a TV production will be made of these matches.

### **1.11 No show**

Athletes must be at the venue and ready to play their assigned match 30 minutes before the appointed match time (appointed match time is the time mentioned at each match on the flowchart). If an athlete is late for his appointed match time (which is 30 minutes before the time mentioned at the flowchart), he / she will have a maximum of twenty minutes to report to his assigned table ready to play or he will lose the match. If an athlete is not present and ready to play at the moment that the match is assigned and called to the table the following procedure is in force. 6 minutes late = 1 game to the oponent, 11 minutes = 2 games, 16 minutes = 3 games. When 20 minutes have elapsed the game is forfeited.

Tournament officials are the only ones who have the power to implement this. If an athlete is not present within 20 minutes following the official announcement of his/her match, this match will be forfeited. Should this happen in the winner's bracket of a double elimination system, he/she will be placed in the loser's bracket. Otherwise such athlete is disqualified. Should both athletes in one and the same match in the winner's bracket arrive too late, both of them will be disqualified since both of them cannot use the one and only existing spot in the loser's bracket.

### **1.12 Racking the balls**

At the Mezz Bucharest Open , the the balls will be racked with a template provided by the organisers.

In 9-ball the position of the racked balls will be moved upwards so that the 9-ball is placed on the spot.

Players will rack for their opponent unless they both agree to rack for their own.

The 2 ball will be racked as the last ball in the template at the bottom.

General rules of 9 ball as stated in the WPA will be in place.

### **1.13 Dress Code Trousers:**

These can be of any color but they must be Dress trousers. Trousers MUST NOT have studs/chains and no side pockets below the thigh of your leg and no Jeans material. Trousers

must cover all of your backside and must fit around your waist and a belt should be worn, NO half trousers regardless of the design. Please see the links provided for clarity.

**Trousers allowed** (please look at following link)

Dress trousers =

<https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=studs+in+trousers&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=5>

[6CyUpPHYKx0QWk8oHYDQ&ved=0CCoQsAQ&biw=1536&bih=747#q=dress+trousers+for+men&tbm=isch](https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=studs+in+trousers&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=5)

**Trousers NOT allowed** (please look at following link) Trousers with studs and jeans material =

<https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=studs+in+trousers&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=5>

[6CyUpP-HYKx0QWk8oHYDQ&ved=0CCoQsAQ&biw=1536&bih=747](https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=studs+in+trousers&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=5)

**Shirts:** Shirts can be of any design providing it has a collar,(exception to the collar rule are shirts from the Ultimate Team Gear range) short sleeve or long sleeve and any color.

Extra clothing if the area is cool can be worn on top of the shirt in the form of a jumper/sweater or a National Federation tracksuit top but none of these are permitted with a hood attached. (a hood on a jacket/jumper is something that covers your head) Shirts must be tucked inside your trousers and must be long enough that when stretching over the table, no body skin is visible.

**Shoes:** Shoes can either be dress shoes or sports shoes. Dress shoes can be of any color and must be made of leather. Sports shoes must be of a Dark color and made of leather.

**Each dress code violation will result in a €20 fine. If you are told of a dress code violation during your match by the tournament officials you are required to pay the fine immediately after that match is finished. The only exception to this rule are first time athletes.**

### **1.14 Time-Out Regulation**

One (1) time-out for each athlete is allowed per match, the length of the time-out is five (5) minutes. The time out can be taken between racks no matter who's break it is,.

The opponent must remain seated as in normal play, if he decides to use his time-out in the same time no further time out will be allowed.

The athlete taking the time out should remember that his actions must be within the spirit of the game and if he acts otherwise, he is subject to a penalty under the Unsportsmanlike Conduct. Reasons for an imposed penalty are: taking time out other than in between the racks, smoking or drinking alcohol during the time-out and late return after a time-out. Penalties for such violations are; a game/frame (current and/or next) is awarded to the opponent. Should an athlete violate this rule a second time, the athlete will be disqualified from the discipline and/or event.

### **1.15 Unsportsmanlike Conduct**

The rules and regulations give the referee and other officials considerable latitude in penalizing unsportsmanlike conduct.

Several factors should be considered in such decisions, including previous conduct, previous warnings, how serious the offense is, and information that the athletes may have been given at the athletes meeting at the start of the tournament.

### **1.16 Additional rules**

Mezz Bucharest Open have the option to make necessary additional regulations prior to each event.

Additional changes must be announced with the invitation and or at the athletes meeting.

### **1.17 Three point rule (only for 9-Ball)**

In order to avoid that athletes are using the so-called “soft-breaks” that would allow increased control over breaks and allow advantages beyond what was foreseen when the 9-Ball discipline was introduced, the Mezz Bucharest Open has decided to introduce special break rules. The following rules are to be seen as an addition to the WPA 9-Ball rules that otherwise are valid in all EPBF events.

The three point rule is explained in detail in the EPBF Sports Regulations.

### **1.18 Athletes Table;**

Each athlete has the responsibility to remove anything that they brought to the table, including the likes of talcum powder, drinks, paper, etc. Rubbish bins will be provided close to the tables and the athlete must remove their own rubbish & leave their table as they received it. Talcum powder must be placed on a mat or cloth and removed along with all other items brought to the table.

### **1.19 Media and TV:**

All consents under the Performers’ Rights Protection Acts 1958 to 1972 or under similar legislation in other countries of the world in connection with the Performance of the athlete in the Series and the exploitation of the Athlete's performance in the Series by any means and in all media including (but not by way of limitation) all forms of theatrical exhibition, television broadcast, internet and video exploitation are hereby granted and assigned by the athlete to the Promoter.

The athlete acknowledges to the Promoter that the entire copyright throughout the world in any film and/or video or other recordings of the athlete taken or made during the Mezz Bucharest Open shall belong to the Promoter absolutely.

The athlete warrants to the Promoter that he/she is able to assign all such rights and give such acknowledgments as written above.

### **The athlete agrees to carry out any reasonable request by the Promoter on match days to assist in hospitality or promotion for the benefit of the Series sponsors.**

The athlete agrees to wear any devices like microphones, smart bracellets and technical gear that will help with the promotion of the event.

The athlete acknowledges that by agreeing to participate in the Mezz Bucharest Open that any rights of recovery he may have against the promoter for personal injury or damage to property whilst participating in the Series are waived.

The promoter and sponsors cannot be held responsible for any articles of value left anywhere in the venue at any time.

Athletes bringing the event, sponsors or officials, including the venue into disrepute through media or public forums will be subject to the rules and regulations laid down by the Mezz Bucharest Open.

Responsible explanations of legitimate and unsatisfying conditions are not forbidden.

Sports regulations and the code of conduct can be found on [www.epbf.com](http://www.epbf.com) and [wpapool.com](http://wpapool.com)

**1.20 Final clause:**

The tournament management have always the right to change the rules, written in this document, having in mind that this change is for the betterment of the Mezz Bucharest Open. Changes will be made in consultation of the Mezz Bucharest Open Tournament director but the final decision will be done by the tour management.