

**Dear Presidents and Board Members of the Federations,
dear Sports Friends !**

In my corresponding letters of the last months I had pointed out to the fact that I would inform you about the concluding decisions with regard to the matters anti-doping and the referee rule after the board meeting of the CEB.

1. Anti Doping

The board of the CEB has unanimously decided to recognize also for the CEB the easier way for our sportswomen and sportsmen of the obtainment of a doping exception rule via their responsible NADA. This means that a valid **TUE - Therapeutic Use Exemptions** – certified by a NADA has also validity for the area of the CEB. This with the exemption with regard to the sportspersons who belong to the international test-pool of the WCBS/UMB. For those there are separate specifications/ways which had been/will be communicated to you by the WCBS/UMB.

In the future the CEB Vice-President, Mr. Farouk Barki, will be responsible for the area of anti-doping in the CEB. On account of the fact that Mr. Barki is also Vice-President of the WCBS and board member of the UMB, he quickly receives at “first hand” all information and decisions with regard to this sensitive subject and he can also exert influence on them in the interest of our sportswomen and our sportsmen at source. Therefore, it is also possible for him to quickly implement important decisions –also of the WADA- in the area of the CEB, so that we will be always on correct ways.

With regard to the administrative area of anti-doping in the CEB Mr. Peter Link will be standing on his side as the anti-doping-representative of the CEB. For a lot of years Mr. Link is the anti-doping representative of the Deutsche Billard-Union and therefore he optimally knows the tasks. He will also act in this matter for the UMB.

2. Referee Rule of the CEB

The subject which had been kicked off by an objection is adequately known from earlier correspondences. Now the board of the CEB has unanimously decided to change the referee rule of the CEB to that effect that the counting will also be allowed in the native language and furthermore only the corresponding announcements have to be made in the French language. We think that we have removed therewith this protest reason and that we have also advanced to the lived reality with smaller corrections. You find the changed referee rule under www.eurobillard.org

**With kindest regards
Confédération Européenne de Billard
Yours Wolfgang Rittmann**