

# Albanian Women's Open 2024

Closing Date: Friday 19 January 2024 (12.00pm GMT)



<b>Dates:</b>	29 January – 2 February 2024  There will be a players meeting on the morning of Monday 29 January, followed by the first matches of the tournament																																								
<b>Venue:</b>	Grand Blue Fafa Resort, Golem 1000, Albania																																								
<b>Entry fee:</b>	Main competition: £50 (all ages) Seniors side-event (over-40s): £25 U21 side-event: FREE Challenge Cup (for players who do not reach KO stage): FREE  A minimum of four entries must be received to run the side-tournaments.																																								
<b>Format:</b>	Group stage: Best of 3 frames Knockout stage: Best of 5/7 frames  If necessary, the preliminary KO round may be played over best of 3 frames at the discretion of the tournament director.  Format of side events straight KO with two seeds (may increase subject to entries). Side-event matches may be played during any day subject to player and table availability.																																								
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<b>Enter online:</b>	<b>Enter via WPBSA SnookerScores:</b> <a href="https://snookerscores.net/events/2024-albanian-womens-open">https://snookerscores.net/events/2024-albanian-womens-open</a>  To enter you will be required to create a WPBSA SnookerScores account and follow the instructions to enter the event and pay your entry fee via either PayPal or by debit/credit card.  Your entry and payment <b>MUST</b> be received before the event entry deadline of <b>12:00pm (GMT) on 19 January 2024</b> . Your entry is not																																								

	<p>valid until you have entered, and we have received payment of your entry fee.</p> <p>All players must be in good standing (e.g. not banned) with their National Federation at the time of entering &amp; competing. In the event of a dispute with a National Federation there will be an appeals process.</p>
<b>Dress code:</b>	<p>Long-sleeved shirt or blouse, fastened waistcoat, smart trousers or skirt &amp; smart shoes (no boots / trainers). Bow tie is optional.</p> <p>View the <a href="#">WWS Dress Code Guidelines</a> for further details and information.</p> <p>Please refer to our <a href="#">Standard Terms of Entry</a> below for full information on what is permitted and for the consequences of any breach of the dress code.</p>
<b>Seeding cut-off:</b>	<p>The official two-year WWS Rankings after the 2023 Belgian Women's Open shall be used to seed this event.</p> <p>The defending champion will be number 1 seed and the reigning world champion will be seeded number 2. The remaining players will be seeded in accordance with the world rankings.</p>
<b>Seeding and PR activities:</b>	<p>WWS reserves the right to seed players through to later rounds based upon the world ranking list in the event of high entries. Any affected players will be notified as soon as possible.</p> <p>These players are not required to attend from the start of the event for PR activities. There will be one seed allocated to each group from the remaining players.</p>
<b>Logos and brand exclusion:</b>	<p>WWS will retain one logo, patch to be provided on arrival. Players will be provided with up to two free WWS patches per season and are expected to retain these across tournaments. Additional logos must be purchased from WWS for £1 each.</p> <p>Brand exclusion: N/A – WWS reserves the right to implement subject to event sponsorship</p>
<b>Hotels:</b>	<p><b><u>IMPORTANT – ALL players must stay at the Grand Blue Fafa Resort during the event. Anyone booked at a different hotel will NOT be allowed to play.</u></b></p> <p>Room Prices per night (WSF rate) including Full-Board Accommodation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Single room: €94</li> <li>- Twin or Double room: €128 (€64/person)</li> <li>- Triple room: €192 (€64/person)</li> </ul> <p>All prices include full-board accommodation (breakfast, lunch &amp; dinner) and all drinks when sitting at the restaurant. Drinks at the bar are not included in the offer of full-Board.</p>

	<p>Accommodation for the full duration of stay <b>must be paid in Euro currency</b> at the hotel reception upon arrival (Credit, debit card or cash accepted).</p> <p>To book your room (and airport transfers) using WPBSA SnookerScores please complete the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) After you have entered the event, click the main menu and then click “My Player”</li> <li>2) Underneath your entry click the “Edit Travel Details” button</li> <li>3) Complete the requested information for you and any guests.</li> </ol> <p>Please note: players may also book the hotel directly or via another website, provided they provide us with proof of booking.</p>
<p><b>International Travel:</b></p>	<p><b><u>By air</u></b></p> <p><b>Tirana International Airport</b> (40km / 25 miles) There will be a shuttle service to/from this airport, details can be found on last page of entry pack</p> <p><b><u>Airport Transfers</u></b></p> <p>Participants will be met at Tirana International Airport by Albania Snooker Federation representatives upon arrival subject to your arrival information being correctly completed within your Travel details within WPBSA SnookerScores (see above instructions).</p> <p>The return transfer costs (Airport/Fafa Resort/Airport) are €20 per person to be paid upon arrival to the Albanian Snooker Federation.</p>
<p><b>Extras:</b></p>	<p><b>WSF Junior Championship 2024</b> The WWS Albanian Women’s Open will be played alongside the WSF Junior Championship (ages 19 and under as of 2 February), from which the winner will earn a place on the World Snooker Tour. Female players will be able to enter both tournaments. <a href="#">Enter the Junior Championship via WPBSA SnookerScores</a> by 12pm on Friday 5 January 2024.</p> <p><b>WSF Open Championship 2024</b> The WSF Championship will be staged immediately following the WWS/WSF Junior tournaments from 3-11 February 2024 with the winner to earn a place on the World Snooker Tour. <a href="#">Enter the WSF Championship via WPBSA SnookerScores</a> by 12pm on Friday 5 January 2024.</p> <p>Please note – a bow tie will be mandatory for both WSF Championships (not the WWS event)</p> <p><b>Rules</b></p> <p>The tournament will be played in accordance with the latest WPBSA Rules of Snooker and Billiards Rulebook available to view at the <a href="#">WPBSA website</a>. It is the responsibility of the players to be aware of the current rules.</p>

**Further questions:**

If you have any further questions about the tournament then please do not hesitate to [contact](#) the team.



## WWS STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2.2

Issued: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023



All events that are part of the World Women's Snooker Tour are subject to the following Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change at the discretion of World Women's Snooker ('WWS'). **Please be reminded that all players are responsible for keeping WWS up to date with their current email address.**

### **WPBSA Members Rules and Disciplinary Rules**

**All Players:** From the date of entry to any WWS event until 28 days after the conclusion of the event all players entering WWS events are bound by the [WPBSA Conduct Regulations](#).

The General Obligations under the Members Rules can be found here:

<https://wpbsa.com/governance/members-rules/>

**Please ensure that you have read and understand the terms and conditions of entry, rules and regulations of the WPBSA.**

**Entry Criteria:** All WWS ranking events are open to women players of any age or nationality, subject to board approval. Players must be a member of OR in good standing with their National Governing Body.

**Entry/closing dates:** Entry fees (cleared funds) for all WWS tournaments must be received together with a completed entry form by 4:30pm BST on the relevant closing date as set out within each tournament entry pack in order for your entry to be accepted into the event. Entry fees are non-refundable following the event entry deadline & payable via bank transfer or PayPal. Late entries may be accepted after the closing date at the absolute discretion of WWS.

**Prize Money:** Prize money for each event is defined on the Event Entry Form. The sterling equivalent amount of prize money will be paid unless specified otherwise within the Entry Form, either by WWS or the event promoter, after deduction of any local withholding tax as applicable. An original withholding tax certificate for each player will

be produced & sent to you which may be used to reclaim the WHT against your tax liabilities. For payment to be paid directly into your account WWS will disclose your bank details to the event promoter. It is the players' sole responsibility to ensure WWS has a completed up to date bank nomination form at all times, blank forms to be available at each event.

**Rankings:** Players will receive ranking points as outlined in the Indicative Prize Money Rankings Points Schedule for the current season.

**Seeding Structure** – Unless otherwise stated in the Event Entry Pack the defending champion will be number 1 seed and the reigning world champion will be seeded number 2. The remaining players will be seeded according to the official WWS world ranking list, in line with the number of entries. Players on equal ranking points will be seeded based on the best performance (stage/round reached through winning a match) working backwards from the most recent ranking event.

Unseeded players will be drawn at random. WWS reserves the right of host nation or national governing body to separate players according to player nationality as far as practicable.

**Seeding cut-off:** The event seedings will be determined by the ranking list issued following the previous tournament. WWS reserves the right to change the number of players to be seeded for a tournament subject to entry numbers.

**PR Activities:** Where specified within the event entry pack, players are to attend from the start of the tournament for PR activities when seeded through group stages.

**Draw & Format:** Draw & Format: Each event draw will be conducted by WWS (in conjunction with the promoter where applicable) as soon as possible after the closing date of entry & relevant seeding cut-off date. Event formats are subject to change dependent on entry numbers.

In the event of a withdrawal after the draw has been made, we reserve the right to rebalance the groups to provide maximum playing opportunities. For example, should a withdrawal mean that there are groups of 3, 4, and 5, we may draw a non-seeded player from the groups of 5 to join any groups of 3.

**Dress Code:** Long-sleeved shirt or blouse, fastened waistcoat, smart trousers or skirt & smart shoes (no boots / trainers). Bow tie is optional unless otherwise stated in the Event Entry Pack. We do NOT allow footwear including trainers, running shoes, sneakers, sandals, slippers, boots or playing with bare feet. Please see refer to the official [WWS Dress Code Guidance](#) for further information. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final in respect of Non-adherence to the Dress Code. Non-compliance with the Dress Code will result in a breach of the terms and conditions of entry for this tournament. For the avoidance of doubt WWS may on the Tournament Director's discretion consider the appropriate sanction in this case MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of the entry fee. The Tournament Director also reserves the right to report a player to the WPBSA for a breach of the dress code.

**Mobile Phones/Electronic Communication Devices:** Players are NOT permitted to use any mobile phones or other electronic communication devices during the course of a match, unless during permitted breaks of at least 15 minutes. Any player seen in breach of this by any WWS tournament official or referee will be reported to the Tournament Director and will be dealt with by the Tournament Director on conclusion of the match. The Tournament Director will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating

circumstances. The only available sanction in this case to be at the discretion of the tournament director MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Directors decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances.

**Smoking/E-cigarettes:** Players are NOT permitted to smoke or use e-cigarettes during the course of a match, unless during permitted breaks of at least 15 minutes. Any player seen in breach of this by any WWS tournament official or referee will be reported to the Tournament Director and will be dealt with by the Tournament Director on conclusion of the match. The Tournament Director will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating circumstances. The only available sanction in this case to be at the discretion of the tournament director MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Directors decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances.

**Coaching:** Coaching is not permitted during play. For the avoidance of doubt this includes between frames during the current session, unless during permitted breaks of at least 15 minutes. Any player seen in breach of this by any WWS tournament official or referee will be reported to the Tournament Director and will be dealt with by the Tournament Director on conclusion of the match. The Tournament Director will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating circumstances. The only available sanction in this case to be at the discretion of the tournament director MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Directors decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances.

**Grievances:**

a. Should the Player wish to make any criticism or complaint or raise any grievance in respect of any matter relating to WWS or its employees or directors, a Referee,

Tournament, Director, Equipment, any of the Partners or any of the Venues at any time then the Player shall do so by:

- i. Contacting the Referee for those complaints relating to Equipment or other item which affects the Player's ability to play snooker during a Match.
- ii. Contacting the Tournament Director for those complaints arising during a WWS Event.
- iii. Contacting a board member in writing for any other complaint or grievance.

Any player found to have made public any grievance outside of the above options shall be reported to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating circumstances. At the discretion of the tournament director sanction MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee and/or referral to the WPBSA.

**Social Media Guidelines:** Players are to be aware of the [WPBSA Social Media Guidelines](#). Please note that a breach of the WPBSA social media guidelines is likely to be reported to the WPBSA disciplinary process.

**Transgender Policy:** WWS and its events operate in accordance with the official WPBSA Trans and Gender Diverse Policy.

**Age Restricted Tournaments:** Players aged 20 or under on the last day of an event will be eligible to enter an Under-21 side-tournament. Players aged 40 or over on the first day of an event will be eligible to enter a Seniors side-tournament.

**Roaming Referees:** If a dispute arises in a match where there is no match referee, either player has the right to call upon a roaming referee. In the event of there not being a roaming referee either player has the right to call upon the senior referee. If neither is available, either player may call the Tournament Director.

**Lateness:** Where a player arrives late for their scheduled match time, a frame will be docked at the scheduled start time. A second frame will be docked fifteen minutes later and then after every five minutes until the match is over. Regardless of the scheduled length of the match, once a player has been docked five frames the match is over.

**Side-events:** If a player is competing in both the main competition and a side-event during a tournament WWS reserves the right to withdraw a player from a side-event if required by the schedule. This decision is to be taken by the Tournament Director and the player removed would receive free entry to a future equivalent event.

**Pre-tournament events:** Players must attend any pre-tournament events where required by the WWS.

**Logos:** Players are permitted to wear up to four logos, to cover an area no greater than 6 square inches (38.7 square cm). WWS reserves the right to apply brand exclusion on an event-by-event basis. This will be notified clearly within the entry pack for each relevant tournament where applicable. WWS reserves the right to hold one logo place back for event title sponsor or WPBSA/WWS partner, players to be notified in advance.

**Accommodation:** Each player is responsible for the payment of their hotel and expenses at WWS events. If you request WWS to reserve you a room with the host country, WWS will assist in making a booking in the hotel/location, however following reservation, any changes, cancellation fees, early/late check in/out, travel to and from the airport are the responsibility of you the player unless agreed in advance by WWS. WWS will not be responsible for any charges incurred. If you do not pay for your hotel then this may be referred to the WPBSA who will have the right to withhold prize money to pay any outstanding charges.

**Cancellation/Relocation/Postponement:** If a tournament is cancelled, relocated or postponed entry fees will be refunded.

**Non-attendance:** In the event that you cannot appear at a tournament that you have entered you must inform WWS (either the Tournament Director or [info@womenssnooker.com](mailto:info@womenssnooker.com)) as soon as possible as this will impact upon the draw. If you do not inform us you this will be considered a breach of the Event Conditions and MAY be subject to the WWS Disciplinary Rules.

**Non-completion:** Players must complete all of their scheduled matches at events unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you do not complete your matches this will be considered a breach of the Event Conditions and MAY be subject to the WWS Disciplinary Rules. Players who do not complete all of their scheduled matches will forfeit any prize money otherwise earned at the event.

**Photo/Video Consent:** There are likely to be photographs and videos taken at WWS events. WWS may use such images for promotional material both at the current and future events and promotions across a number of media platforms.

**Data Use:** WWS will use the information you provide on your event entry to contact you and provide updates e.g. email newsletters. You can unsubscribe at any time. View our [Privacy Policy](#) online. WWS will also reserve the right to publish player names online, e.g. within match reports or tournament information across its media platforms.

**Presentations:** Medallists must be available to attend medal/trophy presentations if required by the WWS, unless explicitly permitted not to by the WWS.

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