

Irish Women's Open 2026

Closing Date: Friday 20 November 2026 (12.00pm GMT)



Dates:	27-29 November 2026 Group stage/side tournament matches will begin from <u>10:00am</u> on Friday. Players will be expected to play on Friday unless they can demonstrate exceptional circumstances <u>before</u> entering the event. Due to the likely volume of players, it may not be possible to accommodate requests to begin Saturday. Players entering the Seniors side-tournament must be available to play Friday.																																														
Venue:	SBI HQ , Graigue, Portlaoise Road, Carlow, Leinster, Ireland, R3R2+FW																																														
Entry fee:	Main competition: £50 (all ages) Seniors side-event (over-40s): £25 U21 side-event: FREE A minimum of four entries must be received to run the side-tournaments with ranking points awarded.																																														
Format:	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 minimum two seeds (subject to entries). Side-event matches may be played during any day subject to player and table availability.																																														
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Ranking Points	Ranking points will be awarded in accordance with the latest Ranking Points schedule available at our website .
Enter online:	Enter via WPBSA SnookerScores: https://snookerscores.net/events/2026-irish-womens-open 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 MUST be received before the event entry deadline of 12:00pm (GMT) on 20 November 2026. Your entry is not valid until you have entered, and we have received payment of your entry fee. Players are eligible to enter directly on an individual basis. WWS reserves the right to refuse entry to any player.
Dress code:	Long-sleeved shirt or blouse, fastened waistcoat, smart trousers or skirt & smart shoes (no boots / trainers). Bow tie is optional. View the WWS Dress Code Guidelines for further details and information. Please refer to our Standard Terms of Entry below for full information on what is permitted and for the consequences of any breach of the dress code.
Seeding cut-off:	The official two-year WWS Rankings after the 2026 Niche Cues Women's Snooker Open shall be used to seed this event. 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.
Seeding and PR activities:	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. 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.
Player Logos:	Player logos to sell: 3 WWS/Promoter logos: 1 Players may wear an optional national flag in addition to the above.
Logo brand exclusion:	N/A – WWS reserves the right to implement subject to event sponsorship
Broadcasting:	It is intended that there will be live broadcasting of the event via the WPBSA YouTube channel .

Hotels:	You are free to book any hotel, with a selection suggested below: - Talbot Hotel – Link Official event hotel: This may show as sold out on the online website, but several rooms (single, double, twin) have been reserved for the event. Please contact the hotel directly to advise them that you are part of the WWS snooker group. These rooms will be released to the public four weeks prior to the event, so please book early to avoid missing out. - Sevenoaks Hotel – Link
International Travel:	Airport Dublin Airport (approximately 1 ½ hours from venue) Shuttle service – free airport shuttles are offered by SBI on arrival/departure. To book a transfer, once you have entered the event click the ‘My Player’ option from the main menu and then ‘Enter Travel details’ Here you will be asked to confirm your arrival and departure date/times and to select whether you require an airport transfer. <u>Only players who have completed this information will receive a free airport transfer.</u> <u>The deadline for submitting your travel details is 12pm on Friday 20 November 2026. We cannot guarantee transport for any requests made after this date.</u> Please contact info@womenssnooker.com should you have any problems. Ferry You can travel by car and then take ferry from Fishguard to Rosslare (approximately 1 ½ hour drive to venue) Or take ferry from Holyhead to Dublin (approximately 1 ½ hour's drive to venue)
Extras:	Rules The tournament will be played in accordance with the latest WPBSA Rules of Snooker and Billiards Rulebook available to view at the WPBSA website. It is the responsibility of the players to be aware of the current rules.
Further questions:	If you have any further questions about the tournament then please do not hesitate to contact the team.

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WWS STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 3.1

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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 are eligible to enter directly on an individual basis. WPBSA reserves the right to refuse entry to any player.

Entry/closing dates: Entry fees (cleared funds) for all WWS tournaments must be received together with a completed entry form by 12:00pm GMT/BST (unless otherwise stated) on the relevant closing date as set out within each tournament entry pack for your entry to be accepted into the event. Entry fees are non-refundable following the event entry deadline & payable through the WPBSA SnookerScores entry system. 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. Due to Chinese banking regulations, payments from China could take up to 8-10 weeks to reach your bank account. 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.

Pre-Tournament Events/PR Activities:

Where specified within the event entry pack, players must attend any pre-tournament events/PR activities where required by WWS. This includes players who have been seeded through the group stage into the knockout 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, WWS reserves 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, a non-seeded player may be randomly drawn 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/Smart Watches/Electronic Communication Devices:

Players are NOT permitted to use any mobile phones, smart watches 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 via smartwatches and 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

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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.

Eligibility Policy: WWS and its events operate in accordance with the WPBSA Eligibility Policy and Rules for Open and Women's Tournaments. Please note any breach of this policy and rules will be treated as misconduct.

Drug Testing: Players shall at all times comply with the WPBSA Anti-Doping Rules and must make themselves available for and must submit to Doping Control (urine and/or blood) at any time as per section 5.2.1 of these Rules.

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.

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.

Presentations: All players must be available to attend medal/trophy presentations if required by WWS or the local promoter, unless explicitly permitted not to by WWS. Refusal to attend will be considered a breach of the Event Conditions and MAY be subject to the WPBSA disciplinary process.

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) 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 WPBSA disciplinary process.

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 WPBSA

disciplinary process. Players who do not complete all of their scheduled matches will forfeit any prize money and ranking points otherwise earned at the event.

Refusal to play: Should a player refuse to play a match for any reason, this will be considered a breach of the Event Conditions and MAY be subject to the WPBSA disciplinary process. Any such player will be withdrawn from the whole event immediately and will forfeit any prize money and ranking points otherwise earned at the event. For the avoidance of doubt, this will include all individual tournaments included within an 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.

How We Disclose Personal Information: In certain circumstances, we may disclose your personal information to third parties for contract/order fulfilment purposes, legitimate purposes. Such circumstances may include:

- With vendors or other third parties who perform services on our behalf (e.g., IT management, payment processing, data analytics, customer support, cloud storage, retail services, fulfilment and shipping).
- With business and marketing partners to provide services and advertise to you. Our business and marketing partners will use your information in accordance with their own privacy notices.

- When you direct, request us or otherwise consent to our disclosure of certain information to third parties, such as to ship you products or through your use of social media widgets or login integrations, with your consent.
- With our affiliates or otherwise within our corporate group, in our legitimate interests to run a successful business.

Please ensure that you have read and understand the terms and conditions of entry, rules and regulations of the WWS and its governing body the WPBSA.