

WORLD SENIORS SNOOKER – STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – 2026/2027 SEASON

All events staged by World Seniors Snooker (WSS) are subject to the following Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change at the discretion of WSS. Please be reminded that all players are responsible for keeping WSS up to date with their current email address.

WPBSA Members Rules and Disciplinary Rules

All Players: From the date of entry to any WSS event until 28 days after the conclusion of the event all players entering WSS 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 WSS events are open to players who are over the age of 40 on or before the first days play of any event. All entries are subject to board approval and WSS reserves the right to refuse entry where appropriate.

Entry/closing dates: Entry fees (cleared funds) for all WSS tournaments must be received together with a completed entry form (online or paper) by 12:00 noon 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 WSS. Please note that if paying by bank transfer this may take a number of days so allow sufficient time for your payment to be transferred.

Prize Money: Prize money for each event is defined on the Event Entry Form or will be communicated to players either prior to or at the event itself. The sterling equivalent amount of prize money will be paid unless specified otherwise within the Entry Form, either by WSS 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. It is the players' sole responsibility to ensure WSS has a completed up to date bank nomination form at all times, blank forms to be available at each event.

Draw & Format: Each event draw will be conducted by WSS as soon as possible after the closing date of entry. The format is to be decided at the discretion of the Tournament Director and the WSS board.

Ranking Points: WSS Ranking Points are awarded in line with the latest ranking points schedules provided on our website. Points from historic events are removed in line with the latest re-ranking points document.

Seeding Structure – Please refer to the entry pack of each event.

Dress Code:

Qualifiers - A long sleeved collared shirt or blouse, smart trousers and smart shoes. No jeans, no chinos, no trainers. You can if you wish add a waistcoat and bow or lounge tie.

Final Stage Tv Events - Long sleeved shirt or blouse, fastened waistcoat & bow tie with trousers (not jeans) or skirt & shoes should be worn 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.

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 WSS 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. Any player seen in breach of this by any WSS 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. Any player seen in breach of this by any WSS 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 Director's decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances.

Alcohol: No player is permitted to consume alcohol during a match, this to include during breaks between frames. Any player seen in breach of this by any WSS 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 Director's decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances. Soft drinks, water and or tea of coffee is permitted in an unbranded vessel.

Coaching: Coaching is not permitted during play. For the avoidance of doubt this includes between frames during the current session. Any player seen in breach of this by any WSS 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.

Slow Play

If a referee feels a player is consistently taking excessive time over shots they will issue a warning for slow play. If there is no improvement, a second warning will result in the concession of that frame. A third warning will result in the concession of the match.

For matches that do not have a dedicated referee, if a player feels their opponent is consistently taking excessive time over shots, they may request that one of our roving referees observe the match for a period to determine whether further action is required.

If a referee issues a warning to one or both players for slow play and there is no improvement, a second warning will result in the concession of that frame. A third warning will result in the concession of the match. Referees are also going to be monitoring players who go out between frames, you are not allowed to use this break for anything other than a toilet break, if a player is found to have abused this by using the break to Vape or Smoke they will be penalised a frame. This policy is rooted in common sense. We do not expect a player in a difficult snooker situation to execute a shot within 30 seconds. Our referees understand the game and will apply their judgment appropriately.

Grievances:

a. Should the Player wish to make any criticism or complaint or raise any grievance in respect of any matter relating to WSS 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 WSS 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 committee.

WSS Disciplinary Procedure: In the event of any breach of these terms and conditions reported by the Tournament Director or any other party the WSS Disciplinary Rules shall apply

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.

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 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.

Logos: Players are permitted to wear up to two logos, to cover an area no greater than 6 square inches (38.7 square cm). WSS 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. WSS reserves the right to hold two logo places back for event title sponsor or WPBSA/WSS partner, players to be notified in advance.

Accommodation: Each player is responsible for the payment of their hotel and expenses at WSS events.

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 WSS (either the Tournament Director or paul@snookerlegends.co.uk) 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 WSS 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 WSS Disciplinary Rules. 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 WSS events. WSS may use such images for promotional material both at the current and future events and promotions across a number of media platforms.

Data Use: WSS 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.

Presentations: All players must be available to attend medal/trophy presentations if required by WSS or the local promoter, unless explicitly permitted not to by WSS. Refusal to attend will be considered a breach of the Event Conditions and MAY be subject to the WPBSA disciplinary process. Please ensure that you have read and understand the terms and conditions of entry, rules and regulations of the WSS and its governing body the WPBSA.

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