



## 2018/2019 – WORLD SENIORS SNOOKER (WSS) STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY



All events in the 2018/19 Seniors Snooker Tour, staged by World Seniors Snooker, are subject to the following Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change at the discretion of World Senior Snooker Tour ('WSS'). **Please be reminded that all players are responsible for keeping WSS up to date with their current email address.**

**Entry Criteria:** All WSS events are open to all players of any gender or nationality providing they hold amateur status and are over the age of 40 years on or before the first days play of that qualifier. All entries are subject to WSS board approval and the board can refuse and refund the entry from any event to any player without giving a reason. Before the first days play of their first event all players must be a member of their National Governing Body and provide proof if required. Anyone found to not be eligible on the day of play will be disqualified from the event and lose their entrance fee. Anyone who is currently serving any ban or WPBSA suspension is not eligible to enter.

Players can purchase one place at all qualifiers for all tour events. In the event they win an event, and therefore qualify for the final stages, the player can still enter and play in the other qualifying events to maintain rankings but should they win again the place at the final stages would be allocated to the runner up. In the event both finalists have already qualified then the two losing semi-finalists would play a 1 frame shootout.

The winner of each qualifier agrees to participate in the Final Stages of the Main Event.

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All players understand, and accept, that qualifiers are played in snooker clubs and whereas every effort will be made to provide the best standard of tables, we cannot replicate professional tournament table conditions. We will work with all clubs to provide the best conditions we can.

**Entry/closing dates:** Entry fees (cleared funds) for all WSS tournaments must be received, together with a completed entry form, by the relevant closing date via our online entry system. Entry fees are non-refundable following the event entry deadline and cannot be transferred to another player or another event. Late entries may be accepted after the closing date subject to the absolute discretion of the WSS. Please note this would only occur in exceptional circumstances with proof of a systems technical issue having prevented entry. WSS may extend or close entry dates without notice, and at its discretion based on current entries at any time.

**Prize Money:** A minimum Prize money schedule for each event is included here. Considerations will be made based on the location of the qualifier in relation to the location of the final stage event it relates to to cover a contribution to the travelling costs for the winner to take up his place. Prize money will be paid by WSS into the designated players account within 30 days of the event finishing after the 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.

**Rankings:** Players will receive ranking points as outlined in the WSS Rankings Points Schedule for 2018/19 which will

be sent to every player who enters and be available for public scrutiny.

**Seeding Structure –** At qualifiers the top 16 Players who enter will be seeded into position according to their position on the official WSS world ranking list. Players on equal ranking points, after the consideration of frames lost also being equal, will be seeded based on the best performance (stage/round reached through winning a match) working backwards from the most recent ranking event.

All other WSS ranked players, and unranked entries will be drawn at random.

**Seeding cut-off:** The event seeding will be determined by the ranking list issued following the previous tournament. In the event that one event needs to be drawn before the seeding position is updated from the most recent event then the previous seeding position will be used.

**PR Activities:** Players at qualifiers will be expected to make themselves available for interviews and photos. At Final stage events, where our winners join our seeded legends, they will be expected to attend any PR functions and dinners.

**Draw & Format:** Draw & Format: Each event draw will be conducted by WSS as soon as possible after the closing date, where possible live on our facebook or youtube pages. The format of each event will be published for all players in advance of the entries being open. All players will confirm on entry that they agree to these terms and conditions and format of the event. The tournament director has the right to reschedule matches to allow for sensible and continual progression of the event. They can also shorten the length of each match in exceptional circumstances without notice. No player will be expected to play their first round match earlier than advertised in the draw unless agreed by mutual consent.

**Dress Code:** For Qualifying events players will be required to wear the official WSS Tour playing Shirt which they must purchase in advance from the designated official WSS Clothing partner. This will be a bespoke shirt carrying the players identity as a tour player. Suit trousers and shoes should be worn with this unless otherwise stated in the Draw Event Entry Pack.

At Final Stage Events a long sleeved shirt, fastened waistcoat, bow tie or lounge tie with suit trousers and shoes should be worn unless otherwise stated in the Event Entry Pack. We do NOT allow other footwear including trainers, running shoes, sneakers, sandals and boots. 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. The sanction in this case to be at the discretion of the tournament director but MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Director also reserves the right to report a player to the WSS for a breach of the dress code.

Should a player have a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a lounge or bow tie a signed letter must be forwarded to this office in advance of your first days play from your doctor.

Should a player turn up without the correct official tour paying shirt they will be required to purchase a generic tour shirt from our TD which will be at a higher cost and can only be used at that event in an emergency.

#### **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. 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 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 or any mid-session intervals. 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.

#### **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.

#### **Final Event conditions**

At the final stages a 30 second shot clock may be in operation, with each player having a set number of opportunities per match to call a time out and receive an additional 30 seconds. At the final stages of the events a 'live commentary' may accompany all matches if the event is hosted in an English speaking country. We cannot guarantee practice tables will be available during qualifiers or at the final events.

Qualifiers and seeds for the final stages are allowed two tickets to their actual match and two players' lounge passes per day. Applications for these should be made to the tournament director no later than the morning of their playing day and the player understands they may not be available.

Qualifiers and seeds are responsible for their own visa requirements should the location of the event mean they require one. This is very important if you are considering entering the USA, Hong Kong or China from the UK or indeed visiting the UK from outside the EU. Once a player enters an event where a visa is required then an invitation letter will be provided from the National Governing Body of that country to assist. From It is the players responsibility to ensure they have the correct paperwork to allow them to visit the territory where the qualifier or final stage event is being held. If a player enters an event but then finds they cannot visit the territory or fail to secure the necessary paperwork then they will lose their entry fee. Players must understand they are not tourists they are amateur snooker players visiting a territory to compete in an event which carries prize money.

Seeded players may be subject to change at short notice. In the event that seeds or qualifiers withdraw then the WSS reserves the right to replace them with a legend or use the ranking list (a top up). All amateur players understand they can only receive one 'top up' per season.

#### **World Seniors Championship**

The winner of the World Seniors Championship and UK Seniors Championship will receive an invitation to the 2019 World Professional Snooker Championships. This invitation will be subject to terms and conditions including the terms and conditions of entry for the tournament, agreeing to sign the World Snooker players contract. These invitations are only available to the winner of the tournaments and if the winner has qualified for the event through other means, this invitation will not be transferred to any other player. The link to that is here <http://www.wpbsa.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/COMBINED-Members-Rules-and-regulations-as-revised-October-2014.pdf>

**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.

**Right to call a roaming referee:** 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.

**Logos:** Players are permitted to wear their own logo, to cover an area no greater than defined in the guidelines. The WSS reserves the right to apply brand exclusion on an event by event basis. Any exclusion and amount of logos permitted will be notified clearly within the entry pack for each relevant tournament where applicable. The 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:** For qualifiers each player is responsible for the payment of their hotel and expenses at WSS events. The winner of each qualifier, who proceeds to a final stage WSS Event with the seeded legends agrees to stay at the official team hotel. Bed and Breakfast costs will be covered for one room (two guests) for as long as you remain in the tournament for Uk Events but for overseas events you are required to stay for the whole event if required for PR Activities.

**Cancellation/Relocation/Postponement:** If a tournament is cancelled, relocated or postponed, entry fees will be refunded should the player not be able to attend the rearranged date.

**Presentations:** Where specified within the event entry pack, medallists must be available to attend medal/trophy presentations if required by the WSS.

**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 fifteen minutes until the match is over. Regardless of the scheduled length of the match, once a player has been docked three frames the match is over. The match starting time is defined as the published time not the time following any permitted 5 minute warm up.

**Please note that from the date of entry to any WSS event until 7 days after the conclusion of the event all players are bound by the [WPBSA Members Rules](#) and [Disciplinary Rules](#).**

The General Obligations under the Members Rules are:

1.1 Members shall, at all times (i.e. whether at a Tournament or not), behave in a proper and correct manner consistent with their status as professional player.

1.2 Members shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person on the grounds of disability, their religion, race, colour or national or ethnic origin, sex or sexual orientation.

1.3 A Member shall not make or cause to be made any statement or commit or cause to be committed any act which in the reasonable view of the WPBSA is likely to bring into disrepute the games of snooker and/or billiards.

1.4 Each Member shall participate in all snooker and billiards Matches, Tournaments and Tours in a fair and sporting manner and shall co-operate with WSS and the

WPBSA to promote and develop the sports of snooker and billiards.

1.5 Members must comply with the entry terms and conditions of each Tournament in which they have entered.

1.6 Members will comply with and act in accordance with all reasonable instruction of the Tournament Director or any other Tournament Official.

1.7 Each Member shall perform and compete to the best of their ability in each Tournament in which they compete.

1.8 Members are responsible for their guests at Events. The Member may be held accountable for the Guest's behaviour regardless of whether the Member is with the Guest at the time of any inappropriate behaviour by the Guest.

1.9 The Board may from time to time supplement, amend or vary these Rules. Such changes shall be deemed to be effective and binding on each Member as from the date of publication of the changes.

**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.**



## **WORLD SENIORS SNOOKER TOUR PRIZE MONEY SCHEDULE 2018/19**

There are currently six World Seniors Snooker main tour ranking events (WSS Main Tour Events) in the 2018/19 Season. Additional events may be added, which may be staged on either a ranking or invitational basis.

The WSS will run qualifying tournaments to allow amateur players the chance to win a place at selected WSS Main Tour Events.

The winner of each qualifying event will earn a minimum of £1,000 (except for the European Open and Irish Masters which are €1,000). World Qualifiers are £2500 minimum.

Please be aware that all dates and venues are provisional and subject to change.

### **WSS European Open, 11-14 October 2018**

Winner:	€20,000
Runner-up:	€10,000
Semi-finalists:	€5,000
Group runner-up:	€2,500

### **WSS UK Seniors Championship, 23-25 October 2018**

Winner:	£10,000
Runner-up:	£5,000
Semi-finalists:	£2,500
Group runner-up:	£1,000

### **WSS Irish Masters, 4-6 January 2019**

Winner:	€7,500
Runner-up:	€2,500
Semi-finalists:	€1,000

### **WSS World Seniors 6-Red Championship, 2-3 March 2019**

Winner:	€20,000
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### **WSS World Seniors Championship, 25-29 March 2019**

Winner:	£25,000
Runner-up:	£10,000
Semi-finalists:	£7,500
Quarter-finalists:	£3,000

### **WSS World Seniors Masters, 10-11 April 2019**

Winner:	£7,500
Runner-up:	£2,500
Semi-finalists:	£1,000

**Qualifiers Prize Money:** Winner's prize money at all WSS Qualifying Events includes a consideration towards the expenses for the winner travelling to the final event destination. In the event the winner of a qualifier has already won a previous qualifier for the same

event then 50% of the winner's prize will be retained and awarded to the player who takes the place to assist with their travel costs.