



WPBSA MEMBERS RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

1. General Obligations

- 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 sportsmen.
- 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 WSL, WBL 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 his ability in each Tournament in which he competes.
- 1.8 Members will only use Managers and Agents registered with the WPBSA.
- 1.9 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.
- 1.10 A Member shall continue to be bound by and required to comply with the Rules unless and until the Member retires/withdraws (as applicable) from participation in snooker or billiards or resigns from membership of the WPBSA, and the WPBSA shall continue to have jurisdiction over him after such retirement/withdrawal to the extent necessary to deal with matters taking place prior to such retirement/withdrawal or resignation from membership of the WPBSA. This does not apply to any competitor in a WSL or WBL sanctioned event who is not a member of the WPBSA but has signed up to be bound by WPBSA rules to enter and play in any such events.
- 1.11 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.

2. Anti Doping

- 2.1 Members shall at all times comply with the provisions of the Anti-Doping Rules attached

as appendix 1 to these Rules.

3. Child Protection Policy

- 3.1 Members shall at all times comply with the provisions of the Child Protection Policy attached as appendix 2 to these Rules.

4. Reporting Breaches

- 4.1 In the event that a Member is approached or solicited in any way (whether directly or indirectly) to influence the outcome or conduct of any game of snooker or billiards whether or not in return for payment or any other form of remuneration or benefit (an "Approach"), that Member (the "Reporting Member") shall report such an Approach to the WPBSA (via the Company Secretary or a Tournament Official) as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event not later than 24 hours after any such Approach being made. Further, the Reporting Member shall provide the WPBSA (via the Company Secretary or a Tournament Official) with all information in his or her knowledge relating to the Approach and shall co-operate in any subsequent investigation and/or other action(s) arising out of such a report.
- 4.2 Any Member becoming aware of an Approach (as defined in clause 4.1 above) being made to another individual shall report such Approach to the WPBSA (via either the Company Secretary, a Tournament Official or the Anti-Corruption Hotline) as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within 24 hours of becoming aware of such Approach.
- 4.3 Any Member who is aware of any other breach of the Rules with the exception of those breaches specifically provided for in clause 4.1 shall notify the WPBSA (via the Company Secretary or a Tournament Official) of such breach or breaches, as soon as reasonably practicable of becoming aware of that breach or breaches.
- 4.4 Each Member shall co-operate with the WPBSA in any investigation carried out by the WPBSA under the provisions of these Rules including (but not limited to):
- 4.4.1 Providing a written statement setting out in detail all of the facts and circumstances with respect to any alleged breach;
 - 4.4.2 Attending to answer questions and provide such information at a time and place determined by the WPBSA
 - 4.4.3 Providing to the WPBSA upon its request any documents, information or any other material of any nature whatsoever held by the Member; and
 - 4.4.4 Procuring and providing to the WPBSA upon its request any documents, information or any other material of any nature whatsoever not held by the Member which the Member has the power to obtain.
 - 4.4.5 Providing the WPBSA with access to all records relating to the alleged breach. This includes, but is not limited to; betting accounts, bank records, telephone records, internet service records, social media accounts, email and other records stored on phones, tablets, electronic devices, computer hard drives or otherwise. To facilitate this, the Member will surrender any such devices for examination by the WPBSA or its representative.
- 4.5 Any attempt by a Member or any agreement with any other person (whether or not a Member) to act in breach of any provision contained in these Rules shall be treated for the purposes of these Rules as if a breach of the relevant provisions had been committed by the Member themselves.

5. Cooperation with Third Parties

- 5.1 The conduct prohibited under these Rules may also be a criminal offence and/or a breach of other applicable laws or regulations. These Rules are intended to supplement such laws and

regulations with further rules of professional conduct for those involved in snooker and/or billiards. These Rules are not intended, and should not be interpreted, construed or applied, to prejudice or undermine in any way the application of such laws and regulations. Members must comply with all applicable laws and regulations at all times.

- 5.2 Where possible breaches of these Rules may also amount to or evidence infringements of other applicable laws or regulations, the WPBSA may conduct investigations in respect of such breaches in conjunction with, and/or may share information relating thereto with, the relevant authorities, such as the police, HM Revenue & Customs, the Serious Fraud Office, the National Criminal Intelligence Service and/or the Gambling Commission, whether pursuant to formal information-sharing agreements with such authorities or otherwise.
- 5.3 As part of any investigation into possible breaches of these Rules, the WPBSA may seek relevant information from other relevant authorities and/or third parties, including but not limited to, bookmakers and other betting operators, whether pursuant to formal information-sharing agreements with such authorities or third parties or otherwise.
- 5.4 Each Member specifically consents, pursuant to the Data Protection Act 1998 and other relevant laws, as applicable, to the sharing of information relating to activities covered by these Rules, including personal information relating to himself and his activities, both by the WPBSA with the relevant authorities and/or third parties, and by the relevant authorities and/or third parties (including without limitation any bookmaker or other betting operator) with the WPBSA. Where requested by the WPBSA, the Member shall confirm such consent in writing. A failure to do so without compelling justification shall amount to a breach of these Rules.
- 5.5 Where a Member is being investigated for or is charged with breach of these Rules, and other relevant authorities are also conducting investigations or proceedings into the same or related matters, the WPBSA shall have discretion, where it considers it appropriate, to stay the investigation and/or the disciplinary proceedings pending the outcome of the investigations or proceedings being conducted by the other relevant authorities.

6. Penalties

- 6.1 Any alleged breach of the rules contained in these Rules by any Member shall be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary Rules.
- 6.2 Without prejudice to the WPBSA's ability to enforce by any other means if a fine or any costs contribution imposed on a Member pursuant to the Disciplinary Rules has not been paid within 28 Days of notification, or has not entered into an agreement as to how the fine or costs will be paid, the Member concerned will be suspended and shall not have the right to compete in any Tournament during the period of suspension.
- 6.3 If a fine or any costs contribution imposed on a Member pursuant to the Disciplinary Rules have not been paid within a further 28 days of notification following suspension in accordance with 6.2, the relevant Member will be automatically expelled from the WPBSA.
- 6.4 If, following the conclusion of the disciplinary process there has been no finding of a breach of the Disciplinary Rules a suspended Member may rejoin and resume his place on the Tour subject to the qualifications set out below:
 - 6.4.1 save in the case of manifest unfairness in the application of the Disciplinary Rules which shall be determined at the absolute discretion of the WPBSA, a Member will not receive any ranking points whilst suspended;
 - 6.4.2 a suspended player may only rejoin the Tour provided he held sufficient ranking points to qualify for the Tour at the commencement of the then current Tour.
- 6.5 Where in accordance with the Disciplinary Rules a Member is the subject of disciplinary action and the hearing of any matter before the Disciplinary Committee or Disciplinary Hearing Board is pending, at the discretion of the Chairman of the WPBSA Disciplinary Committee, part or all of any prize money due to the Member from any Tournament will be held by the WPBSA

pending conclusion of the disciplinary procedure. If as a result of that disciplinary procedure the relevant Member is expelled from the WPBSA all prize money from Tournaments accrued by the Member from the date of the incident leading to the expulsion to the conclusion of the disciplinary procedure shall be forfeited by the Member as if he had been expelled from the date of the incident leading to the expulsion. If the result of the relevant disciplinary procedure is that a fine is imposed on the relevant Member and/or the relevant Member is ordered to pay a contribution towards the costs of the relevant Disciplinary Hearing then that fine and/or costs may in part or its entirety (if there are sufficient funds) be set off against any sums held by the WPBSA, WSL or WBL, the balance held being paid to the Member if the WPBSA holds an excess, any shortfall shall remain due and payable by the Member.

7. Ranking List and Ranking Points

- 7.1 The Board of the WPBSA shall determine from time to time how the Ranking List will be compiled and how ranking points will be allocated in relation to Tournaments.
- 7.2 If a WSL Tournament is cancelled for any reason whatsoever the status and the number and allocation of ranking points (as appropriate) will be void.
- 7.3 The Board of the WPBSA have the right to grant a dispensation to previously incapacitated Members to be reinstated into the Ranking List following their recovery from incapacity, such reinstatement will be subject to the following conditions. If a Member wishes to be considered for reinstatement following ill health they shall 6 weeks prior to the commencement of the first Tournament in the season in which they will be unable to play apply to the Board in writing requesting the preservation of their existing ranking position notwithstanding they will be unable to compete in the coming season. The time period for notification may be varied at the discretion of the Board in extraordinary circumstances.
- 7.3.1 That written request will be accompanied by a medical opinion, provided by a suitably qualified doctor, detailing the medical complaint suffered by the relevant Member and confirming that the relevant Member will be unable to compete in the entirety of forthcoming season due to severe ill health or injury.
- 7.3.2 The Board will consider the application of the relevant Member and the supporting medical opinion and may require the relevant Member to undergo further independent medical examination prior to agreeing to the dispensation.
- 7.3.3 If the relevant Member is incapacitated for more than one season then they will be required to make an application in accordance with the provisions of this rule 7 for each relevant season. The dispensation will be provided for a maximum of two seasons.
- 7.3.4 The dispensation may be revoked by the Board if in their reasonable opinion it appears the illness or injury of the incapacitated Member is not as debilitating as first portrayed.
- 7.4 Members shall only be awarded ranking points for matches in Tournaments in which they have participated. For the avoidance of doubt no ranking points shall be awarded to any Member who does not participate in a Tournament subject to 6.4.1 and 7.3 above.

8. Equipment

- 8.1 Members shall only use equipment authorised by the Rules of the Game or officially authorised by the WPBSA.
- 8.2 A Member may not use, wear or carry any technical innovation unless approved in advance by WPBSA.
- 8.3 Any application for any technical innovation must be submitted in writing to the WPBSA and the applicant shall supply all information required by the WPBSA relating to that innovation. WPBSA shall give or withhold its consent in its absolute discretion.

- 8.4 If the Referee considers that a Member is in breach of paragraph 8.2 above, he may refuse to permit the Member to start the Match with such innovation until it is removed.
- 8.5 If the Referee is not aware of or does not notice an unapproved innovation, the Tournament Director has the right to disqualify the Member using such an innovation at any time during or after the match in which that innovation was used.

9. Dress Code

Each Member shall comply with the relevant dress code for each Tournament in which he competes. Each Member when competing in a Tournament shall ensure that as well as complying with the dress code, their dress and appearance is smart and appropriate for a professional snooker or billiards player. Shirts and trousers to be ironed and, if required under the relevant dress code, waistcoats and bow ties to be worn correctly.

10. Trophies

- 10.1 Any trophy and trophy case provided by the WPBSA will remain the property of the WPBSA but, at the discretion of the WPBSA, it may be kept by the winner for a period of up to one (1) month until the WPBSA requires its return provided that the trophy is stored in a secure place at an address in the UK or Republic of Ireland notified to the WPBSA in writing.
- 10.2 During the period that the winner keeps the trophy he shall be responsible for any loss of, or damage to, the trophy and the trophy case and shall return it to the WPBSA in perfect condition.
- 10.3 The winner shall not be permitted to remove the trophy from the UK or Republic of Ireland.
- 10.4 The trophy shall not be used by the winner or any other person or entity for promotional purposes (other than for the authorised promotion of the WSL Tournaments) without the express written permission of the WPBSA.
- 10.5 The image of the trophy shall not be used, reproduced or published by the winner or any other person or entity for any purpose in any media without the express written permission of the WPBSA.
- 10.6 The winner will not engrave, deface or change the trophy or the trophy case in any manner whatsoever.
- 10.7 Any trophy will be returned to the WPBSA on demand.

SECTION 2 – BETTING RULES

1. Introduction

- 1.1 These Betting Rules form part of the Association's Rules and Regulations and therefore constitute conditions of membership of the Association and/or of participation in any Tournament (in the case of a Player) and conditions of representation of a Player (in the case of a Player's Representative). Therefore, each of the following persons (a "Participant") agrees to comply with these Betting Rules and to abide by all decisions validly made hereunder:
- 1.1.1 Every member of the Association;
 - 1.1.2 Anyone who participates in a Tour or Tournament, whether as a Player, an official, or in any other capacity;
 - 1.1.3 Any person who acts as a Player's Representative or who is a director, officer, employee, agent or representative of the Representative;
 - 1.1.4 Any director, officer or employee of the WPBSA or World Snooker; and
 - 1.1.5 Any other person under the Association's jurisdiction who is able to influence any aspect of the Tour and/or any Tournament.
- 1.2 Where there is a breach of 1.1.3 above by a Players Representative, the player will be liable for the actions of their Representative.
- 1.3 Any proven breach by a Member of the provisions of sections , 2.1.2 – 2.1.5 below will result in a ban up to a permanent suspension from involvement in snooker and billiards for that Member, save in circumstances where the relevant Member can show clear and exceptional mitigation.
- 1.4 These Rules shall not have retrospective effect.

2. Betting misconduct

- 2.1 It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Member to do any of the following:
- 2.1.1 Betting:
 - 2.1.1.1 to place, accept, lay or otherwise make a Bet with any other person in relation to the result, score, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match in events sanctioned by the WPBSA, WSL, WBL, WLBS or WDBS;
 - 2.1.1.2 to solicit, induce, entice, instruct, persuade, encourage, facilitate, authorise or permit any other person to enter into a Bet for the Member's direct or indirect benefit in relation to the result, score, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match in events sanctioned by the WPBSA, WSL, WBL, WLBS or WDBS;
 - 2.1.1.3 to have the power, actual or apparent, to influence the running of any company or other undertaking that promotes, brokers, arranges or conducts any form of Betting activity in relation to the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match (a "Betting Organisation") and/or to be involved in any capacity (including as a director or shadow director) in the running of any Betting Organisation and/or to hold, deal in, or control any voting rights associated with the securities or shares of any Betting Organisation, save that a holding of less than 5% of the issued share capital of a Betting Organisation, for investment purposes only, shall be disregarded;
 - 2.1.2 Corruption:
 - 2.1.2.1 to fix or contrive, or to be a party to any effort to fix or contrive, the result, score, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match;
 - 2.1.2.2 to seek or accept or offer or agree to accept any bribe or other reward to fix or to contrive in any way or otherwise to influence improperly the result, score, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match;

- 2.1.2.3 to fail, for reward, to perform to the best of his ability and in a fair and sporting manner in the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match in which he competes;
- 2.1.2.4 to solicit, induce, entice, persuade, encourage or facilitate any Member to breach any of the foregoing provisions of this paragraph 2.1.2.
- 2.1.2.5 to ensure the occurrence of a particular incident in the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match, which occurrence is (to the Member's knowledge) the subject of a Bet and for which he or any person Connected to them expects to receive or has received any reward;
- 2.1.3 Misuse of inside information:
 - 2.1.3.1 to use for betting purposes, or to provide to any other person for such purposes, any information relating to the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match that the Member possesses by virtue of his position within the sport and that is not in the public domain or readily accessible by the public;
 - 2.1.3.2 to provide information to any person for reward, before or during the Tour and/or any Tournament, regarding the competitors in a Tournament or Match, the conditions, tactical considerations or any other aspect of the Tournament or Match, unless such information is already in or will come into the public domain without delay or is readily accessible by the public;
 - 2.1.3.3 to solicit, induce, entice, persuade, encourage or facilitate any Member to breach any of the foregoing provisions of this paragraph 2.1.3.
- 2.1.4 General:
 - 2.1.4.1 to engage in any other conduct (ie beyond that specified in paragraph 2.1.1 to 2.1.3) that is corrupt or fraudulent, or creates an actual or apparent conflict of interest for the Member, or otherwise risks impairing public confidence in the integrity and/or the honest and orderly conduct of the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match;
 - 2.1.4.2 to provide or receive any reward that could bring the Member or the sports of snooker or billiards into disrepute.
- 2.1.5 Attempt or complicity:
 - 2.1.5.1 to attempt to act, or to agree with any other person (whether or not also a Member) to act, or to intentionally give the impression to any other person that the Member is attempting or agreeing to act in breach of these Rules;
 - 2.1.5.2 to authorise, cause, assist, encourage, aid, abet, or cover up, or otherwise to be complicit in any acts or omissions of the type described in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.1.5.1, committed by a person connected with the Member;
- 2.2 **Any** attempt or agreement (or intentional appearance of the same) shall be treated for purposes of these Rules as if a breach of the relevant provision(s) had been committed, whether or not such attempt or agreement (or intentional appearance of the same) in fact resulted in such breach.
- 2.3 The following are not relevant to the determination of any breach under paragraph 2.1 (although they may be relevant to the issue of the sanction to be imposed, in the event that it is determined that a breach has occurred):
 - 2.3.1 the nature or outcome of any Bet in issue;
 - 2.3.2 the outcome of the Tournament and/or Match on which the Bet in issue was made;
 - 2.3.3 whether or not the Member's efforts or performance (if any) in any Tournament and/or Match in issue were (or could be expected to have been) affected by the acts or omissions in question;

2.3.4 whether or not any of the results in any Tournament and/or Match in issue were (or could be expected to have been) affected by the act or omissions in question.

3. Provisos

- 3.1 It shall not be a breach of the provisions of clause 2.1 above for a Member to enter into any sponsorship or endorsement contract with a betting organisation.
- 3.2 It shall not be a breach of the provisions of clause 2.1.3 to provide information as opinion to a journalist or as a commentator for immediate publication or broadcast in the mainstream media.

SECTION 3 - DEFINITIONS

1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 Definitions

In these Rules, including the following words and phrases shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

"Anti Corruption Hotline"	means the Anti Corruption Hotline details of which are published on the WPBSA and WSL websites from time to time;
"Bet"	means a wager, bet or other form of financial speculation;
"Board"	means the board of directors of the WPBSA;
"Secretary to the Disciplinary Committee"	means the person nominated by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee to perform this role;
"Connected"	an individual is connected to a Member if they are either a family member, a manager, a player managed by the same manager as the Member, a business partner or an associate of the Member;
"Constitution"	means the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the WPBSA;
"Disciplinary Rules"	means the disciplinary rules issued by the WPBSA from time to time;
"Equipment"	means the playing equipment provided at each WSL Tournament including (without limitation) snooker balls, snooker tables and the bed cloth on those snooker tables;
"For Reward"	a person acts "for reward" if he arranges or agrees that he or someone else will receive any direct or indirect financial or other benefit for that act (other than official prize money and/or contracted performance-related payments under endorsement or sponsorship contracts), and "reward" shall be construed accordingly;
"Match"	means any snooker match forming part of a Tournament in its entirety including intervals and breaks authorised by the Referee;
"Member"	means a member of the WPBSA admitted in accordance with the Constitution and shall include any member who has resigned after a matter/disciplinary matter has come to the attention of the WPBSA under Section [6] of the Disciplinary Rules; "Member" also means any competitor in a WSL, WBL, WLBS or WDBS sanctioned event who is not a member of the WPBSA but has signed up to be bound by WPBSA rules to enter and play in any such events. This will apply from the date of entry to the event to a period of seven days after the event has concluded;
"Members"	means all members of the WPBSA from time to time;

“Members” also means all competitor in a WSL or WBL sanctioned event who are not a member of the WPBSA but have signed up to be bound by WPBSA rules to enter and play in any such events. This will apply from the date of entry to the event to a period of seven days after the event has concluded;

“Ranking Lists”	means the ranking list compiled by the WPBSA from time to time
"Referee"	means the referee of a Match appointed by the relevant body;
“Representative”	Any person who acts in any way and at any time in the capacity of manager, agent, representative or adviser to a Player, either directly or indirectly, in any aspect of the negotiation, arrangement or execution of any kind of commercial arrangement including any sponsorship arrangement, or who is a director, officer, employee, agent or representative of the Representative;
“Rules”	means all the rules and regulations set out in this document including all appendices to it;
“Rules of the Game”	means the official rules of the game of Snooker and Billiards as amended from time to time by the WPBSA;
“Season”	means a professional snooker season commencing on the day following the final of the World Championship in any year to and including the day of the final of the World Championship held in the immediately following calendar year. If for any reason the World Championship is not held, the date of the final of the World Championship shall be deemed to be 31 May;
"Tour"	means and individually or collectively, as the context may require, any snooker tournaments sanctioned by WPBSA, WSL, WBL, WDBS and WLBS;
"Tournament"	means any professional snooker tournament or billiards tournament sanctioned by the WPBSA or WSL or WPBSA recognised tournaments. This includes WBL, WDBS and WLBS sanctioned tournaments;
"Tournament Official"	means any or each official appointed by WSL or the WPBSA or the relevant body to officiate at a Tournament;
“WBL”	means World Billiards Limited;
“World Championship”	means the World Professional Snooker Championship;

“WDBS”	means World Disability Billiards and Snooker
“WLBS”	means World Ladies Billiards and Snooker
“WSL”	means World Snooker Limited;
"WPBSA"	means World Professional Snooker and Billiards Association Limited.

1.2 Interpretation In these Rules:

- 1.2.1 References to Sections are, unless otherwise stated, references to sections of these Rules;
- 1.2.2 References to Paragraphs are, unless otherwise stated, references to paragraphs within those Sections;
- 1.2.3 References to “include” and “including” are to be construed without limitation;
- 1.2.4 Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa. Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter and vice versa.
- 1.2.5 References to persons include incorporated and unincorporated bodies or partnerships and also include reference to that person’s legal representatives, successors and permitted assigns;
- 1.2.6 Headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of these Rules and Regulations.