



## 2018 – WSF STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 1.1

All events in the 2018 World Snooker Federation Championships staged by the World Snooker Federation are subject to the following Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change at the discretion of World Snooker Federation ('WSF'). **Please be reminded that National Federations are responsible for keeping WSF up to date with their players current contact details including email address.**

**Entry Criteria:** Only players who are a member of a National Federation, which is a WSF member will be eligible to compete in the tournament.

**Entry/closing dates:** The methods of payments of entry fees will be notified separately.

**Prize Money:** Prize money for each event is defined within the National Federation invitation letter. The local currency rate will be paid, either by WSF or local National Federation. Local Withholding Tax may be applicable in some regions, if this is applicable a withholding tax certificate for each player will be produced & sent to you which may be used to reclaim the WHT in your own region. For payment to be paid directly into your account WSF will disclose your bank details to the event promoter.

**PR Activities:** Players will be required to assist in PR activities before and during the event. The WSF and Tournament officials will at all times take into consideration individual playing schedules.

**Draw & Format:** Draw & Format: Each event draw will be conducted by WSF in conjunction with the local National Federation or promoter as soon as possible after the closing date of entry.

**Dress Code:** Long sleeved shirt or blouse, fastened waistcoat & optional 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 and boots. The WLBS dress code will apply for Women's events. 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 WSF may on the Tournament Director's discretion consider the appropriate sanction in each case which MAY result in withdrawal from the tournament without refund of the entry fee. The Tournament Director also reserves the right to report a player to the WSF and/or your National Federation

**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, excluding during permitted interval breaks not shorter than 15 minutes. Any player seen in breach of this by any WSF 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 WSF 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 WSF 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 WSF 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 WSF Event.
- iii. Contacting a WSF 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 WSF.

**Social media guidelines:** Players are to be aware of the [WPBSA Social Media Guidelines](#) which have been adopted by WSF. Please note that a breach of the WPBSA social media guidelines is likely to be reported to the WPBSA, WSF and your National Federation which may result in disciplinary action.

**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 up to four logos, to cover an area no greater than 38 square cm. The WSF 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. The WSF reserves the right to hold one logo place back for event title sponsor or WSF partner, players to be notified in advance.

**Accommodation:** Each player is responsible for the payment of their hotel and expenses at WSF events. If you request the WSF to reserve you a room with the host country, the WSF 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 notified in advance by WSF. The WSF will not be responsible for any charges incurred. If you do not pay for your hotel this will be referred to the WSF who will have the right to withhold prize money to pay any outstanding charges. The matter will then be reported to the WSF board and your National Federation.

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

**Pre-tournament events:** Players must attend any pre-tournament events as and where required by the WSF. This may include players briefing and/or PR activities and/or functions.

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

**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.

All players must play all their matches to a conclusion. Any Player who does not complete all their obligations to the event will not receive any prize money. Any such action has a detrimental effect on the event and the Player may be referred to the WSF for consideration as to whether disciplinary action is appropriate.

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

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 the WSF, WPBSA and its member organisations 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 her ability in each Tournament in which she competes.

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 WSF and the WPBSA.**