

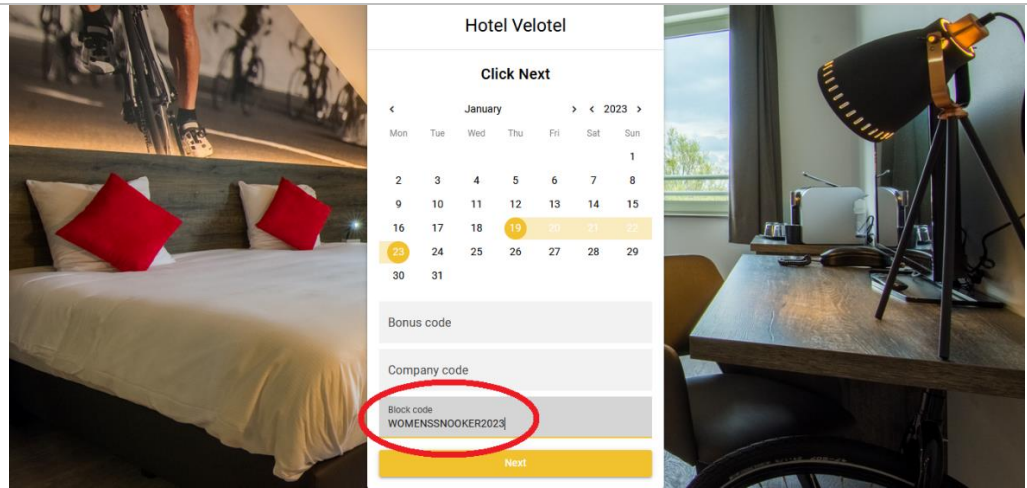
Belgian Women's Open 2023

Closing Date: Friday 13 January 2023 (4.30pm GMT)



Dates:	20-22 January 2023																																										
Venue:	The Trickshot, Gouden-Boomstraat 80, 8000 Brugge, Belgium																																										
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.																																										
Format:	Group stage: Best of 3 frames Knockout stage: Best of 5/7 frames If necessary, the preliminary round may be played over best of 3 frames at the discretion of the tournament director. Scheduling: Where possible we will consider requests to schedule group stage matches e.g. late Friday, or Saturday only for players unable to play on Friday. Please note that we may not be able to accommodate all requests and we will not be able to confirm the format until final entries are known. Format of side events straight knockout with two seeds (subject to entries). Side-event matches may be played on any day, subject to player/table availability.																																										
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Enter online:	Enter via WPBSA SnookerScores: https://snookerscores.net/events/2023-belgian-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.																																										

	<p>Your entry and payment MUST be received before the event entry deadline of 4:30pm (GMT) on 13 January 2023. Your entry is not valid until you have entered, and we have received your entry fee.</p> <p>All players must be in good standing (e.g. not banned) with their National Federation at the time of entering and competing. In the event of a dispute with a National Federation there will be an appeals process.</p>
Dress code:	<p>Long-sleeved shirt or blouse, fastened waistcoat, smart trousers or skirt & smart shoes (no boots / trainers). Bow tie is optional.</p> <p>View the WWS Dress Code Guidelines for further details and information.</p> <p>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.</p>
Seeding cut-off:	<p>The official two-year WWS Rankings after the 2022 Eden Women's Masters shall be used to seed this event.</p> <p>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.</p>
Seeding and PR activities:	<p>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.</p> <p>These players are not required to attend from the start of the event for PR activities. There will be one seed in each group from the remaining players.</p>
Logos and brand exclusion:	<p>WWS will retain one logo, patch to be provided on arrival. Players will be provided with up to two free WWS patches per season and are expected to retain these across tournaments. Additional logos must be purchased from WWS for £1 each.</p> <p>Brand exclusion: N/A – WWS reserves the right to implement subject to event sponsorship</p>
Hotels:	<p>You are free to book any hotel, however, we recommend:</p> <p>Velotel Hotel Bruges Distance to venue: 2.2 km / 1.4 miles (Free parking)</p> <p>Booking: www.hotelvelotel.com – please use discount code WOMENSSNOOKER2023 for a discounted rate of €75.00 per night</p>



A free shuttle service will be provided between the hotel and venue.

The Trickshot – Guest Rooms

New for 2023! There are now **four guest rooms** available at the club itself for players wishing to stay as close to the venue as possible.

To express interest please contact: Olivier.vandenbohede@hotmail.be

International Travel:

Players intending to compete in the event should be aware of the latest travel advice in place, in particular with regards to COVID-19. Advice can be found via the following links:

Visit Bruges: <https://www.visitbruges.be/en/coronavirus-covid-19-update/travelling-to-and-from-belgium>

Players travelling from the UK are also directed to the Government's Foreign Travel Advice to Belgium: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/belgium>

Travel

Airport Shuttles – The Trickshot is offering transport for players from the airport to Bruges. To register your interest please complete our Google Form by clicking [HERE](#).

Please note that if you cancel your shuttle less than 24 hours prior to the pickup time, you will still be liable for the fee.

By air – [Click here for detailed information](#)

Ostend Airport (32km / 20 miles) There will be a shuttle service to/from this airport, details can be found on last page of entry pack

Brussels Airport Zaventem is the closest major airport – 112 km / 70 miles away from the venue and hotel. There will be a shuttle service to/from this airport, details can be found on last page of entry pack

Brussels Airport Charleroi (155 km / 97 miles). There will be a shuttle service to/from this airport, details can be found on last page of entry pack

Eindhoven Airport (200 km / 120 miles)

Amsterdam Airport (235 km / 147 miles)

	<p><u>By car from UK</u> Ferry from Dover to Dunkirk (75 km / 46 miles) or Hull to Zeebrugge Eurotunnel “le shuttle” from Dover to Calais (120 km / 75 miles)</p> <p><u>By train from UK</u> Eurostar from London St Pancras to Brussels, before changing to Bruges. Click here for further information and to book.</p> <p><u>By train</u> – Click here for detailed information</p> <p><u>By bus</u> – Click here for detailed information</p>
Extras:	<p>Rules</p> <p>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.</p>
Further questions:	<p>If you have any further questions about the tournament then please do not hesitate to contact the team.</p>



WWS STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2.1

Issued: 21st June 2022



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 must be a member of OR in good standing with their National Governing Body.

Entry/closing dates: Entry fees (cleared funds) for all WWS tournaments must be received together with a completed entry form by 4:30pm 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 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. 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.

PR Activities: Where specified within the event entry pack, players are to attend from the start of the tournament for PR activities when seeded through group 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, we reserve 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, we may draw a non-seeded player 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/Electronic Communication

Devices: Players are NOT permitted to use any mobile phones 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 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 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 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.

WWS Disciplinary Procedure: In the event of any breach of these terms and conditions

reported by the Tournament Director or any other party the [WWS Disciplinary Rules](#) shall apply.

Transgender Policy: WWS and its events operate in accordance with the official WPBSA Trans and Gender Diverse Policy.

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.

Pre-tournament events: Players must attend any pre-tournament events where required by the WWS.

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.

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 WWS Disciplinary Rules.

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.

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

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