

BRITISH OPEN SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

Closing Date: Friday 9th February 2018 (4.30pm)



Dates: 17th – 18th February 2018
Venue: Stourbridge Institute 12 Market Street Stourbridge DY8 1AD
Entry Fee: £40.00 / (£20.00 for U21s)
Format: Group stage 3 frames
Knockout stage matches best of 5/7 frames

Prize Money:

	Number	Individual Prize	Round Total
Winner	1	600	600
Runner-up	1	300	300
Semi-finalist	2	150	300
Quarter-finalist	4	75	300
Last 16	8	50	400
Highest Break	1	50	50
Challenge Cup	2	30/20	50
Under 21s and Seniors		tbc	tbc

Enter online: Enter at www.wlbsl.com

Bank details:

Account Name: World Ladies Billiards and Snooker Limited
Name of Bank: Barclays Bank
Account Number: 70354791
Sort Code: 20-13-42
IBAN: GB97BARC20134270354791
BIC / SWIFT: BARCGB22

For this event we **MUST** receive proof of payment of your entry fee by **4:30pm** on **Monday 12th February 2018**.

You must be a member of your National Federation to enter this event.

Dress code: Long sleeved shirt or blouse, fastened waistcoat & optional bow tie with smart trousers or skirt & smart shoes (no boots / trainers).
Please refer to our Standard Terms of Entry for full information on what is permitted and for the consequences of any breach of the dress code.

Seeding Cut Off: Official two-year WLBS Rankings after the 2017 Eden Masters

Seeding and PR Activities: For this tournament the top two seeded players will be seeded straight through to the knockout rounds.

Airport: Nearest airport is Birmingham Airport B26 3QJ. 30 miles from the venue

Hotels: Premier Inn, Birmingham Street, Stourbridge DY8 1JR 0871 527 9482
Windsor Castle Inn, 7 Stourbridge Road, Stourbridge DY9 7BS 01384 897809
Rawson's Retreat, 198-200 Collis Street, Stourbridge DY8 4EQ 01384 356593

Further Questions: If you have any further questions about the tournament then please do not hesitate to [contact](#) the team.



2017/2018 – WLBS STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 1.1

Issued: 05 July 2017



All events in the 2017/18 World Women's Snooker Tour staged by World Ladies Billiards and Snooker are subject to the following Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change at the discretion of World Ladies Billiards and Snooker ('WLBS').

NB: Please be reminded that all players are responsible for keeping WLBS up to date with their current email address.

Entry Criteria: All WLBS ranking events are open to women players of any age or nationality, subject to board approval. Players must be a member of their National Governing Body.

Entry/closing dates: Entry fees (cleared funds) for all WLBS 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 BACS payment or PayPal. Late entries may be accepted after the closing date subject to the absolute discretion of the WLBS. Please note that if paying by BACS 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. The sterling equivalent amount of prize money will be paid (except at the Paul Hunter Women's Classic), either by WLBS 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 WLBS will disclose your bank details to the event promoter. It is the players' sole responsibility to ensure WLBS 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 2017/18.

Seeding Structure - Players will be seeded according to the official WLBS 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. The WLBS 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.

PR Activities: Where specified within the event entry pack, players are to attend from the start of the tournament for PR activities where seeded through group stages.

Draw & Format: Draw & Format: Each event draw will be conducted by WLBS in conjunction with the promoter as soon as possible after the closing date of entry & relevant seeding cut-off date.

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& 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 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 WLBS 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, excluding during permitted interval breaks not shorter than 15 minutes. Any player seen in breach of this by any WLBS 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 WLBS 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 WLBS 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 WLBS 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 WLBS 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.

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 6 square inches (38.7 square cm). The WLBS 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 WLBS reserves the right to hold one logo place back for event title sponsor or WPBSA/WLBS partner, players to be notified in advance.

Accommodation: Each player is responsible for the payment of their hotel and expenses at WLBS events. If you request the WLBS to reserve you a room with the host country, the WLBS 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 WLBS. The WLBS 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.

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

Presentations: Where specified within the event entry pack, medallists must be available to attend medal/trophy presentations if required by the WLBS, unless explicitly permitted not to by the WLBS.

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.

Please note that from the date of entry to any WLBS 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 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 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 WLBS and its governing body the WPBSA.