Festival of World Women's Snooker 2020

Closing Date: Friday 27th March 2020 (4.30pm BST)

Dates:	3-6 April 2020					
Venue:	Northern Snooker Centre, 92 Kirkstall Road, Leeds, LS3 1LT, England					
Entry fee:	£15.00 World Women's Seniors Championship* £15.00 World Women's U21s Championship* £30.00 World Women's 10-Red Championship £30.00 World Women's 6-Red Championship £40.00 (per pair) World Women's Pairs Championship* *to be played under traditional 15-Red form If this is your first WWS event, or you have not entered an even			nship* onship nship uship* 5-Red format ed an event sii	since before the start of the	
Format:	2016/17 season, you will receive free entry to either the 6-Red or 10-Red World Championship. 6-Red and 10-Red competitions will be straight knockout, best of 5 frames up until the final, which will be best of 7. Pairs will be straight knockout, best of 3 frames up until the final which will be best of 5. Seniors/Under-21 formats TBC subject to entries, however players competing are guaranteed at least two matches. All players losing their first match will automatically be entered into the Challenge Cup which will be best of 3 throughout. Please note that all formats are subject to change in the event of high entries.					
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Provisional prize money breakdown:	Winner		Number 1	Individual Prize £800		Round Total £800
	Runner-up		1 1	£400		£400
	Semi-finalist		2	£200		£400
	Quarter-finalist		4	£100		£400
	Last 16		8	£50		£400
	Highest Break (6 & 10-Red)		1	£50		£50
	Challenge Cup (6 & 10-Red)		† '	£30 / £20		£50
	Under 21s			£100 / £50 / £20		£190
	Seniors			£100 / £50 / £20		£190
	Pairs (per pair)			£300 / £120 / £60		£540
	Total event prize fund: Minimum £5,720. This may increase subject to sponsorship.					
Enter online:	Enter at https://www.womenssnooker.com/festival-of-womens-snooker-2020/ Once you have completed our online entry form and clicked 'Enter' you will be redirected to make payment of your entry fee by either PayPal or by debit/credit card. Payment MUST be made at the time of entry and before the event entry deadline of 4:30pm (GMT) on 27 March 2020. Your entry is not valid until you have completed BOTH the online entry form and we have received payment of your entry fee. 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 below for full information on what is permitted and for the consequences of any breach of the dress code.					

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Seeding Cut Off for 6-Red and 10-Red tournaments:

The official two-year WWS Rankings after the 2020 Belgian Women's Open shall be used to seed this event.

The top 8 ranked players (number of seeded players may increase in the event of high entries) will be seeded for the tournament, with the defending champion seeded number 1. All other players will be randomly drawn.

Additional rules for 6-Red and 10-Red events:

19.Six Reds Snooker

In a Six Reds Snooker game the official Rules of the Game of Snooker apply with the following variations:

- (a)There will be no more than five consecutive FOUL AND A MISS calls if the offender is requested to play again **from the original position.**
- (b)After the fourth consecutive FOUL AND A MISS call, the referee shall Warn the offending player that should a FOUL AND A MISS be called again the non-offender may:
 - (i)play from where the balls have come to rest; or
 - (ii)ask their opponent to play from where the balls have to come to rest; or (iii)play the cue-ball from any position on the playing area, unless any player needed penalty points before, or as a result of, the last stroke being played. If this option is chosen, Section 3 Rule 12 shall not apply.
- (c)If, after a FOUL AND A MISS call, the offender is requested to play from the position left, the previous Foul and a Miss sequence ends.
- (d)After potting a Red, or a free ball nominated as a Red, the striker must not leave their opponent snookered behind the nominated colour as described in Section 2 Rule 17

The full rules can be found here:

https://www.wpbsa.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/WPBSA-Snooker-and-Billiards-Rules-25.11.2019.pdf

Additional rules for the Pairs event:

18. Four-handed Snooker

- (a)In a four-handed game(four players constituting two sides of two players) each side shall open alternate frames and the order of play shall be determined at the start of each frame and, when so determined, must be maintained throughout that frame.
- (b)Players may change the order of play at the start of each new frame.
- (c) If a foul is committed and a request to play again is made, the player who committed the foul plays the next stroke and the order of play is unchanged. If the FOUL was called for playing out of turn, the offender's partner will lose a turn, whether or not the offender is asked to play again.
- (d)When a frame ends in a tie Section 3 Rule 4 applies. If a re-spotted Black is necessary, the pair who play the first stroke have the choice of which player will make that stroke. The order of play must then continue as in the frame.
- (e)Partners may confer or communicate during a frame but not whilst one is the striker and has approached the table until their turn has ended.
- (f)If the striker's partner commits an infringement, the striker will be considered as the offender.

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Logos and brand exclusion:

Players are permitted to wear up to four logos.

WWS will retain up to two logos, patches to be provided on arrival. These logos must be placed in a prominent position (i.e. not low on waistcoat).

Brand exclusion: N/A – WWS reserves the right to implement subject to event sponsorship

Hotels:

Holiday Inn Express Leeds - City Centre

Distance: 1-minute walk

We have our own rate called 'World Ladies Snooker' which is available all year round and mirrors the rates available to Northern Snooker Centre so please quote this with all bookings or our Corporate ID number which is 954 323 340.

You can book online here.

Thursday 2nd April £59.00 Friday 3rd April £55.00 Saturday 4th April £80.00

	Sunday 5th April £45.00 Monday 6th April £59.00 Tuesday 7th April £63.00 Prices per room subject to availability		
Travel:	Leeds Bradford Airport is the closest airport – only 7 miles /11 km away from the venue and hotel. Bus services are available. Doncaster Sheffield Airport is the second closest airport (40 miles / 65 km away) and is a 45-minute drive by motorway. Train services are available. Manchester Airport is 50 miles / 80 km away and is a 60-minute drive by motorway. Train services are available.		
Further questions:	If you have any further questions about the tournament then please do not hesitate to contact the team.		



WWS STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 1.4

Issued: 10th December 2019



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.

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 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. Please note that if paying by bank transfer 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 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 - 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 where 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.

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, slippers, boots or playing with bare feet. 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 <u>during the course of a match</u>, 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 committee.

WWS Disciplinary Procedure: In the event of any breach of these terms and conditions reported by the Tournament Director or any other party the <u>WWS Disciplinary Rules</u> shall apply.

Transgender Policy: WWS operates a self-identification policy in respect of gender and reserves the right to test hormone/testosterone levels in line with current IOC guidance.

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 sidetournament.

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 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.

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

Please note that from the date of entry to any WWS event until 7 days after the conclusion of the event all players are bound by the <u>WPBSA Members Rules</u> and <u>Disciplinary Rules</u>.

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 WWS and its governing body the WPBSA.