

WWS Ranking Adjustments Policy (COVID-19) 2022

From January 2022, WWS has confirmed that all decisions to protect points earned by players whose participation in current events is obstructed by the ongoing pandemic, are to be taken on an individual and case-by-case basis.

Please note that this procedure is intended solely for players directly affected by COVID-19 and not players unable to compete due to other reasons i.e. visa issues or financial.

Procedure

- 1) Any player with points due to be removed at the next tournament can apply to have these points held for a further two years, in line with the current tournament played.
 - For example, in January 2022, points earned at the 2019 Belgian Open are due to be removed and replaced by those earned at the 2022 British Open. Players who competed in Bruges in 2019 therefore, may apply to have their points from that event held over. View the full list of re-ranking points HERE.
- 2) The player must apply to WWS by email (<u>info@womenssnooker.com</u>) and demonstrate that they meet the criteria set out below. WWS will not be responsible for proactively contacting players. Any application must be made prior to the start of the relevant event.

Criteria

Any player must upon application demonstrate:

• That they clearly intended to compete in the relevant event. This may be supported by evidence of commitment to entry, including entry fee payment, a hotel booking, confirmed travel arrangements, or other supporting evidence.

AND:

• That they are unable to compete in the event as a direct result of COVID-19 or related restrictions.

All applications will be carefully considered by the WWS Board, with a decision to be communicated to the player within 7 days of the completion of the current event. Following each event, notice of any players to have successfully applied will be published on the WWS website.

For the avoidance of doubt, should the player ultimately compete in the current tournament, their previous points will not be held over under any circumstances and they will be replaced by points from the current tournament, even if lower.

Please note: Subject to the above criteria, WWS shall at its absolute discretion retain the ability to hold ranking points over in exceptional circumstances, should the above criteria not be fully met.