

Irish Open 2026

Closing Date: Friday 13 November 2026 (12.00pm GMT)



Snooker & Billiards
IRELAND



Dates:	20-22 November 2026 Players will be expected to play on Friday (first matches 1pm) unless they can demonstrate exceptional circumstances. Any requests must be made before the event entry deadline. Subject to the number of players, it may not be possible to accommodate requests to begin Saturday.
Groups:	All Classification Groups (1-8)
Venue:	SBI HQ , Graigue, Portlaoise Road, Carlow, Leinster, Ireland, R3R2+VW
Entry fee:	Main Tournaments: £30.00 Challenge Cup: FREE to players who do not qualify for the KO rounds. Friday Open Day: FREE from approximately 10:00am until 12:00pm.
Format:	Group stage: Best of 3 frames Knockout stage: TBC subject to entries All matches to be played using 15 reds.
Minimum prize money:	To be confirmed subject to sponsorship and entries.
Enter online:	Enter via WPBSA SnookerScores: https://snookerscores.net/events/2026-irish-open To enter you are recommended to create a WPBSA SnookerScores account and follow the instructions to enter the event and pay your entry fee by debit/credit card. Alternative paper entry instructions can be found below. Your entry and payment MUST be received before the event entry deadline of 12:00pm (GMT) on 13 November 2026 . Your entry is not valid until you have entered, and we have received your entry fee.
Dress code:	Collared shirt, waistcoat, trousers and smart shoes. A tie will be optional. If for any reason your disability means that this is not possible, please contact us to discuss this directly. 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.
Seeding cut-off:	The official two-year WDBS Rankings after the 2026 European Championship shall be used to seed this event.

Logos and brand exclusion:	WDBS will retain one logo, patch to be provided on arrival. A maximum of four logos to be worn during competition. Brand exclusion: N/A – WDBS reserves the right to implement subject to event sponsorship
Hotels:	Local hotel options include: • Talbot Hotel – Link Official event hotel – when booking please contact the hotel to state that they are with the WDBS snooker group. • Sevenoaks Hotel – Link
International Travel:	Airport Dublin Airport (approximately 1 ½ hours from venue) Shuttle service If you require airport transfers, please email Jessica.ives@wpbsa.com with your travel information as follows: • Mode of travel • Airport or ferry port • Arrival Date • Departure Date • Arrival Time • Departure Time • Arrival flight no. • Departure flight no. If you do not require a transfer, please also let us know so we can remove you from the list. Ferry You can travel by car and then take ferry from Fishguard to Rosslare (approximately 1 ½ hour drive to venue) Or take ferry from Holyhead to Dublin (approximately 1 ½ hour's drive to venue)
Extras:	Thursday 19 November There will be additional practice and a potential flyer tournament staged between 6pm-11pm. For more information, please contact Dylan Rees drees147@gmail.com

Return entry form to:

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	Rules The tournament will be played in accordance with the latest WPBSA Rulebook available to view at the WPBSA website. It is the responsibility of the players to be aware of the current rules. Referees Please be aware that where the number of referees is limited, matches involving Groups 1+2 and 6A will be prioritised. Matches involving all other classification groups may be required to proceed without a match referee, but there will be roaming referees available at all times. Local Mobility Centres Mobility Shop: Zatori Building, Clonminam Business Park, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 FT66, Ireland Phone: 057 86 66730 - Hours: Mon - Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Further questions:	If you have any further questions about the tournament then please do not hesitate to contact the team.

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Player Information			
First name:		Surname:	
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Address:			
Tel (day):		Mobile:	
Email:			
Profile:		Group:	
Consent for photos to be taken during event:	There are likely to be photographs and videos taken at WDBS events. WDBS may use such images for promotional material both at the current and future events and promotions across several media platforms. I confirm that I authorise WDBS to use the images taken of me at this WDBS event. This includes any reproductions or adaptation of the images for all general publicity purposes. Yes ☐ No ☐		
Individual's declaration:	By signing this declaration, I agree that I have read and understood the notes and rules & procedures relating to this WDBS event. I understand that I have truthfully completed all the sections of this form including the survey/feedback form to the best of my knowledge at the time of completion.		
Signature:		Date:	

Payment options

PayPal or Credit/Debit Card:

Online entry is now available for WDBS events via WPBSA SnookerScores:
<https://snookerscores.net/events/2026-irish-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.

Further guidance: <https://www.wdbs.info/tournaments/how-to-enter/>

Bank transfer:

Bank Name: Natwest, Account Name: World Disability Billiards and Snooker
 Account Number: 89089073, Sort Code: 52-10-03
 For reference, please add your initials, followed by 'IRE'. For example 'CHIRE'

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WDBS Tournament Rules

BY ENTERING THIS EVENT YOU AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE WDBS STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Full WDBS rules of competition are available here: <https://www.wdbs.info/tournaments/rules/>

Dress code: Collared shirt, waistcoat, trousers and smart shoes. A tie will be optional. If for any reason your disability means that this is not possible, please contact us to discuss this directly.

Food: Players and their supporters are kindly asked to support our host clubs and not to bring their own food and drink to venues.

Lateness: If you know that you are going to arrive late for the start of play on any day of the tournament, or for any match during the tournament, please contact the tournament director as soon as possible. Should we not hear from you, the tournament director reserves the right to enforce tournament rules, e.g. to dock frames in accordance with our rules of competition.

Non-completion of matches: Please note that if you do not complete your group stage matches all of your results will be deleted from the group table. This can affect who progresses from the group and so we encourage all players to complete their group matches unless there is a genuine reason why they cannot.

If you cannot complete your matches, please inform a member of the team as soon as possible so we can ensure that you are ok and adjust the match schedule accordingly.

Please note - Players who do not complete all of their scheduled matches will forfeit any prize money otherwise earned at the event.

Disability Classification

There are 36 individual WDBS profiles, grouped into eight classification groups.

For more information read more at our website: <https://www.wdbs.info/classification/>

If you are unsure of your profile or group please contact WDBS by telephone on 0117 317 8200.

Competitors must declare all prosthetics and sport specific aids when entering an event as it may change their group and/or profile. It should also be declared when requesting classification.

Group 6

WDBS tournaments include classification groups 6A and 6B for people with a range of intellectual disabilities, neurodevelopmental disorders and neurological conditions.

- [View the Eligibility Criteria](#)
- [Download the self-declaration form \(all Group 6 players\)](#)
- [Download the Endorsement form \(Group 6A players only\)](#)

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We aim to be as inclusive as possible and therefore while we follow Paralympic/International Sports Federation for Persons with Intellectual Disability (Virtus) and Special Olympics Great Britain criteria, we do allow some people that would not fit to compete in our events.

What Does Having Intellectual Disabilities Mean?

Intellectual disabilities (ID) or learning disabilities is a term used when a person has certain limitations in cognitive functioning and skills, including communication, social and self-care skills.

- Intellectual disabilities originate from a wide range of health conditions.
- Having intellectual disabilities means that the brain has developed differently during childhood and adolescence, resulting in lowered cognitive abilities (intelligence) and impaired adaptive behaviour – the skills needed to manage everyday life such as communication, social relationships and self-care skills.

People with intellectual disabilities will be eligible for **Group 6A**

People who do **not** have intellectual disabilities but do have certain neurodevelopmental disorders (e.g. autism spectrum disorder) or neurological conditions (e.g. acquired brain injury) may be eligible for **Group 6B**.

- View our [Eligibility Criteria](#) in full
- To enter WDBS events, **all** Group 6 players should complete a [self-declaration form](#)
- Those entering Group 6A who cannot, upon request, provide the required documentation listed in the self-declaration form, will need to complete an eligibility [Endorsement Form](#)

Should entries for either 6A or 6B events be low for an event, either competition may be cancelled. WDBS will no longer hold combined events with players of both groups competing against each other.

Group 7

All Group 7 players **MUST** be British Blind Sport classified and produce a copy of their BBS certificate prior to their first competition.

The cost of classification is £20.00 for a member of British Blind Sport. Following receipt of your classification result WDBS will discount the membership cost from your first event. Should you be charged by your optician for completing your form, upon proof of costs WDBS will also offer up to a maximum of two free event entries.

For more information please visit:

<https://britishblindsport.org.uk/educationandresearch/classifications/>

Group 8

All Group 8 players **must** provide an audiogram showing a loss of hearing of **55 decibels in the better ear** at frequencies 500Hz, 1000Hz, and 2000Hz, in accordance with Audiogram Regulations set out by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf, adopted by

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Deaflympics that can be accessed here:

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