



WDBS STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 1.6

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All events staged by World Disability Billiards and Snooker (WDBS) are subject to the following Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change at the discretion of WDBS. **Please be reminded that all players are responsible for keeping WDBS up to date with their current email address.**

WPBSA Members Rules and Disciplinary Rules

All Players: From the date of entry to any WDBS event until 28 days after the conclusion of the event all players entering WDBS 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 WDBS events are open to players of any age, gender or nationality, who fall within one of the [WDBS Classification profiles](#) included at that event. All entries are subject to board approval and WDBS reserves the right to refuse entry where appropriate.

Entry/closing dates: Entry fees (cleared funds) for all WDBS tournaments must be received together with a completed entry form (online or paper) 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 WDBS. 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 or will be communicated to players either prior to or at the event itself. For payment to be paid directly into your account WDBS requires a completed bank nomination form from you. It is the players' sole responsibility to ensure WDBS has a completed up to date bank nomination form at all times, blank forms to be available at each event.

Draw & Format: Each event draw will be conducted by WDBS as soon as possible after the closing date of entry. The format is to be decided at the discretion of the Tournament Director and the WDBS board. Progression at tournaments will be determined in accordance with the [WDBS Draw Information Guidelines](#) in force at the time.

Ranking Points: WDBS Ranking Points are awarded in line with the latest ranking points schedules provided on our website. Points from historic events are removed in line with the latest re-ranking points document.

Seeding Structure – Unless otherwise stated in the Event Entry Pack the defending champion (if applicable) will be number 1 seed and the remaining players will be seeded according to the official WDBS world ranking lists. 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.

There will be one seed allocated per group. Unseeded players will be drawn at random.

Classification: Events are open to players from specific [WDBS classification groups](#) as set out in the event entry pack. Classification is declared on a self-declaration process at the point of event entry. The WDBS board reserves the right to change a player's classification where this is appropriate or has been selected in error. Specific guidance relating to groups can be found within each event entry pack and on our website.

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 WDBS 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 WDBS 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 WDBS 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 Director's 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 WDBS 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 WDBS 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 WDBS 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.

WDBS Disciplinary Procedure: In the event of any breach of these terms and conditions reported by the Tournament Director or any other party the WDBS Disciplinary Rules shall apply

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

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 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.

WDBS Events Rule Adaptations: WDBS has introduced specific [WDBS Events Rule Adaptations](#) relevant for players with disabilities at WDBS events that will be enforced unless otherwise notified.

Logos: Players are permitted to wear up to four logos, to cover an area no greater than 6 square inches (38.7 square cm). WDBS 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. WDBS reserves the right to hold one logo place back for event title sponsor or WPBSA/WDBS partner, players to be notified in advance.

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

Non-completion: Players must complete all of their scheduled matches at events unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you do not complete your matches this will be considered a breach of the Event Conditions and MAY be subject to the WDBS Disciplinary Rules. Players who do not complete all of their scheduled matches will forfeit any prize money otherwise earned at the event.

Photo/Video Consent: 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 a number of media platforms.

Data Use: WDBS 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 WDBS, unless explicitly permitted not to by the WDBS.

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