

2018 WORLD BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

In association with the Northern Snooker Centre, Leeds, England


TOURNAMENT INFO / TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Host city: Leeds, England
Dates: 19th October 2018 – 26th October 2018
Host Associations: World Billiards | EASB | WLBS | WPBSA

ASSOCIATION CONTACTS

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VENUE INFORMATION

Venue address: Northern Snooker Centre, 92 Kirkstall Road, Leeds, LS3 1LT. England.
Tel no: +44 (0) 113 2433015
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Email address: northernsnooker@btconnect.com
Website Address: www.northernsnookercentre.co.uk
No. of match tables: 8
Tables: Steel block. Not heated.
Cloth: [Hainsworth Match](#)
Balls: [Aramith](#) Tournament Champion Pro-Cup 
Lighting: Fluorescent (TV style) on all tables.
Scoring system: Electronic
Air Conditioning: Yes
Floor covering: Carpet
Seating / spectators: 100
Travel: The venue is adjacent to the hotel.
Local Currency: Pounds sterling (£GBP). The venue accepts all major credit/debit cards.

ACCOMMODATION

It is a condition of entry that all competitors requiring accommodation must stay in the officially appointed hotel. All accommodation must be booked by competitors/NGBs direct with the hotel.

See [here](#) for details of how to book accommodation.

Championship Hotel: Holiday Inn Express
Address: Cavendish Street, Kirkstall Road, Leeds, LS3 1LY
Tel. no.: +44 (0) 113 242 6200
Fax. no.: +44 (0) 113 242 6300
Website: www.expressleeds.co.uk

Single/Double/Twin room rate = GBP £69 (including breakfast, wi-fi & taxes).

Please note that rooms are available on a first come first served basis.



TRAVEL

Nearest international airport: Leeds Bradford International Airport (LBA)

www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk

Travel from airport to hotel (approx 12km)	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost (1 way)</u>
Taxi:	25min	GBP £16-£20

To book train travel in the UK see: www.thetrainline.com

To book coach travel in the UK see: www.nationalexpress.com

VISAS

Visas are required by many countries; all non-UK passport holders are advised to check with the relevant embassy in their country. Visa invitation letters will be issued on request.

Please contact jim@ivyrooms.ie if you require an invitation letter.

SEEDING

Seeding will be based on the WBL [World Rankings](#) as of 31st August 2018.

RANKINGS

The World Championship will carry double ranking points.

The World Open will carry standard ranking points.

Ranking points are not applicable for the World Women's Championship or the Qualification Tournament.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is GBP £80 per player.

The entry fee for players entering the World Women's Championship is GBP £30.

WITHDRAWALS

In the event of a withdrawal after the entry deadline there will be no refund of entry fees. Players withdrawing after the entry deadline or not completing matches will be referred to the WPBSA disciplinary committee.

PLAYING FORMAT & STRUCTURE

The World Championship playing format will be timed matches. The tournament will commence on Monday 22nd October at 10.00am, and finish on Friday 26th October. The structure of the event will depend on the number of entrants, but will have round robin groups followed by a knockout stage.

The Women's event will take place on Thursday 25th October followed by a presentation. The format will be round robin groups followed by a knockout stage. Matches will be timed.

There will be players & referees meetings on Sunday 21st October following the final of the 'World Open' (Jim Williamson Memorial) event, and the opening ceremony will take place immediately afterwards upstairs in the Stateside Pool Lounge. There will be presentation ceremonies both prior & following the World Championship final on Friday 26th October.

See the end of this document for a full breakdown of the schedule.

PRACTICE

There will be no dedicated practice tables, however match tables will be available to hire from the club at the normal hourly rate after matches have finished.





PRIZE MONEY

The total prize fund is broken down as follows:

Winner	£3,200	+ Trophy, Certificate and Gold Medal
Runner Up	£1,600	+ Trophy, Certificate and Silver Medal
Semi Finalists	£800	+ Trophy, Certificate and Bronze Medal
Quarter Finalists	£400	+ Certificate
Last 16	£200	+ Certificate
Last 32	£100	+ Certificate
High Break	£1PerPoint*	+ Certificate
TOTAL	£11,700	(*estimating £500 for high break)

Prize money for the World Women’s Championship will be subject to entries & sponsorship but will be a minimum of £500.

A levy of 2.5% will be deducted at source from all prize money for payment to the WPBSA for governance.

All prize money will be paid within 2 weeks of the completion of the tournament. Players with UK bank accounts will be paid by bank transfer; bank nomination forms will need to be completed by those reaching the prize money stage of any competition and it is the player’s sole responsibility to ensure World Billiards has up to date bank details at all times. Blank bank nomination forms are available at the event.

Non-UK players will be paid by cheque.

PRIZE MONEY TAX

World Billiards reserves the right to withhold any local withholding tax (WHT) as applicable. An original withholding tax certificate for each player will be produced which may be used to reclaim the WHT against the player’s tax liabilities.

World Billiards does not offer tax advice and players are to be aware that they are solely responsible for their own tax arrangements.

GOVERNANCE

Players entering any of the four events associated with this World Championship will be subject to WPBSA governance. All details of this can be found on the WPBSA website [here](#) and we draw your particular attention to the following documents:

- [WPBSA Members Rules & Regulations](#)
- [WPBSA Disciplinary Rules](#)
- [WPBSA Anti Doping Rules](#)
- [WPBSA Child Protection Policy](#)
- [WPBSA Social Media Guidelines](#)

Players entering these tournaments are bound by all WPBSA’s governance procedures and World Billiards terms & conditions of entry contained within this document. Any breaches of these rules will be referred to the WPBSA disciplinary committee and reported to the National Governing Body of the player concerned.

Where the behaviour of a player or official at an event breaches the tournament rules, the Tournament Controller may instruct the person to immediately vacate the premises and may advise the person when and if they might return. The Tournament Controller’s decision will have immediate effect. In such circumstances the player will be referred to the WPBSA for consideration as to any disciplinary action.





DRUG TESTING

Players may be subject to drug testing in accordance with the WADA drugs in sport code. More information can be found [here](#).

DRESS CODE & LOGOS

The dress code for all events will be formal.

Men: evening dress or dark suit together with waistcoat shall be worn to all match sessions. Long sleeve predominately plain coloured shirts fastened at the wrist, waistcoats, bow ties and dark colour dress shoes must be worn for all matches.

Women: dark trousers or dark skirts, no shorter than kneecap, shall be worn to all match sessions. Predominately plain coloured shirts or blouses with sleeves below the elbow, and waistcoats must be worn for all matches. Women dark coloured dress shoes shall be worn to all sessions, and can be open or closed toe shoes.

Exemption from adhering to the dress code will only be given to players who provide valid & current (not older than 12 months) medical evidence prior to the commencement of the event.

The Tournament Controller will be the sole judge of whether any dress is deemed unsuitable and his decision will be final.

ALCOHOL

Alcohol must NOT be consumed during the course of a match.

Players must NOT be under the influence of alcohol when competing in a match.

SMOKING

Players are NOT permitted to use e-cigarettes/vaporizers or smoke during the course of a match, unless during scheduled breaks of at least 15 minutes.

COACHING

Coaching is NOT permitted during the course of a match unless during scheduled breaks of at least 15 minutes.

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 scheduled breaks of at least 15 minutes.

Electronic devices may be used solely for the purposes of timing a match. In this instance they must be set to 'aircraft mode' and not used for any other purpose. Use of timers is permitted providing the timer is set to finish a few seconds *after* the main tournament timer and/or there is no audible alarm.

BREACH OF MOBILE PHONES/SMOKING/COACHING/ALCOHOL/DRESS CODE

Any player seen in breach of these rules by any tournament official or referee will be reported to the Tournament Controller and will be dealt with by the Tournament Controller on conclusion of the match. The Tournament Controller 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 Controller MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Controller's decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances.





PLAYING RULES

Both events will be played to the rules of English Billiards as published by the [WPBSA](#) in November 2014 (which are available to download [here](#)). The Baulkline Crossing Rule will be applied in the World Championship and the Qualifying Tournament but not in the Women's Championship or the World Open.

LATENESS

In the event of a player not being at the table ready to play a match at the stipulated start time the following penalties will apply:

LATE FOR START OF MATCH	100 points conceded
15 MINUTES LATE	+100 points conceded
EACH 5 MINUTES LATE THEREAFTER	+50 points conceded
END OF MATCH	Match conceded after 30 minutes

Penalties are awarded at the next time marker. Thus a player arriving 1 minute late for a timed match starts 100 points behind but can begin just before 15 minutes late without incurring further penalty.

Time lost by being late cannot be reclaimed and all timed matches will run to the same clock held by the Tournament Controller.

The late player automatically loses the string; options of breaking and which ball to use are therefore with the non-offending player.

If a group match is conceded in its entirety the non-offending player receives the average score from their other group matches and the offending player scores zero.

PRESS & PUBLICITY

Players may be required to participate in PR activities such as interviews, videos and photographs during these championships. These may be used for promotional material both at the current and future events across a number of media platforms and players identified online e.g. website and social media.

Matches may be live-streamed/recorded for future sale on DVD or uploading to video websites.

PLAYERS MEETING & PRESENTATIONS

Players are expected to attend the players meeting following the final of the World Open. Changes to these rules may be announced at this meeting and all players will be bound by these changes whether they are in attendance or not.

Medallists must attend trophy presentations unless explicitly permitted not to by World Billiards.

GRIEVANCES

Should a Player wish to make any criticism or complaint or raise any grievance in respect of any matter relating to World Billiards Ltd or its employees or directors, a referee, tournament, 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 during a match.
- II. Contacting the Tournament Controller for those complaints arising during the 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 Controller. The Tournament Controller will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating circumstances. At the discretion of the Tournament Controller sanction MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee and/or referral to the WPBSA.





FURTHER INFORMATION

QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

A one day qualification tournament will take place on **Friday 19th October** for any players who do not qualify for one of their NGB nominations to the main events. A minimum of 4 players will progress from this tournament into the main draws of both world championships. Additional players may also progress through to the main World Championship if required to make groups of equal numbers.

For all details for this event click [here](#).

2018 'WORLD OPEN' (Jim Williamson Memorial)

As a warm up to the World Championship, the Northern Snooker Centre will also host the 2018 'World Open', which will be open to anyone and is a full World Ranking Event. This will be played over the weekend of 20th/21st October. A separate entry of £40 will be payable (in advance) for this event.

For all details for this event click [here](#).

2018 WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2018 World Women's Championship will take place on Thursday 25th October.

The entry fee is £30 and the prize money is £500. For more information and to enter, click [here](#).

SCHEDULE

Mon	8 th	Oct	Closing date for entry of players into the World Championship
Sat	13 th	Oct	Closing date for entry of players into the Qualification Tournament
Sat	13 th	Oct	Closing date for entry of players into the 'World Open'
Fri	19 th	Oct	Qualification Tournament
Sat	20 th	Oct	'World Open' [Jim Williamson Memorial] (Group Stages)
Sun	21 st	Oct	'World Open' [Jim Williamson Memorial] (KO Stages + Challenge Cup) followed by Players/Referees Meeting & Opening Ceremony
Mon	22 nd	Oct	World Championship (Group Stages)
Tue	23 rd	Oct	World Championship (Group Stages)
Wed	24 th	Oct	World Championship (Group Stages) (Last 32) (Last 16)
Thu	25 th	Oct	World Championship (Quarters) (Semis) World Women's Championship
Fri	26 th	Oct	Presentation (everyone except finalists) World Championship (Final) Closing Ceremony

Schedule subject to change depending on entry numbers

