

ENTRY FORM – GIBRALTAR OPEN 2019

Closing Date: Wednesday, 20 February (12.00 noon)



Dates: 13-14 March 2019 Amateur pre-qualifiers*
 15-17 March 2019 Final Stages (Last 128)
 * amateur pre-qualifying days and schedule is subject to no of entries. The venue for the amateur pre-qualifying days is also subject to no of entries.

Venue: Victoria Stadium, 32A Rosia Road, Gibraltar

Entry Fee: None – Main Tour Players & Invitational Tour Card Holders
 £100 – Amateur Players

Max No of players: 128 plus amateur qualifiers

Number of frames: All matches best of 7 frames

	Number	Individual Prize	Round Total
Winner	1	£25,000	£25,000
Runner-up	1	£12,000	£12,000
Semi-finalist	2	£6,000	£12,000
Quarter-finalist	4	£4,000	£16,000
Last 16	8	£3,000	£24,000
Last 32	16	£2,500	£40,000
Last 64	32	£1,500	£48,000
Total			£177,000
Final Stages Rolling 147 Prize	1	£5,000	

Players:
 1 Defending Champion 2018
 2 World Champion 2018
 3-128 2 year rolling Official Prize Money Ranking list as at seeding cut off, including Invitational Tour Card holders

Seeding Cut Off: Official 2 year Prize Money Rankings after the Shoot Out 2019

Seeding priority of Top-up to 128: Amateur players who qualify from the amateur pre-qualifier played prior to the main event (Last 128). The exact number of amateur qualifiers will be confirmed after the closing date of entry.

Seeding Structure:
 Seeds 1-16 Placed in specific positions in the draw so if top seeds win in Round 1 (L128) seed 1 meets seed 16 in Round 4 (L16), seed 2 meets seed 15 and so on
 Seeds 17-128 Drawn at random in Round 1

Round Structure:
 Round 1 Last 128 Seeds 1-16 plus 48 at random v 64 At random
 Round 2 Last 64 64 Rd 1 winners v Each other

Draw and Format: w/c Monday 25 February 2019

Player logos to sell: 3 **World Snooker Logos:** 1

Brand Exclusion: TBC

Broadcasting: Eurosport

All events in the 2018/19 World Snooker Main Tour are subject to the following Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change at the discretion of World Snooker Limited ("WSL") & are played in accordance with the WSL Players' Contract. All obligations & penalties will be applicable. All players entering any WSL event are required to sign the WSL Players Contract before they compete in any WSL event. It is a breach of the WPBSA members' Rules & Regulations not to compete to the conclusion of an event once you have entered. **Please be reminded that all players are responsible for keeping World Snooker up to date with your current email address.**

Entry Criteria: All Main Tour Ranking events are open to all 2018/19 Main Tour players, Invitational Tour Card holders, & invited amateur players although some events have restricted entry numbers. All Main Tour Invitational events are open to players as laid out in each individual Event Entry Pack. Some WSL events are open to 2018/19 Main Tour players, Invitational Tour Card holders, & amateur players as defined on the Event Entry Form. All non-WSL Main Tour players (amateurs) must be members of and in good standing with their National Governing Body. WSL's decision shall final in respect of invitations to all WSL events.

Entry Fees: Non-refundable, & payable via the online entry system. **No entries will be accepted after the closing date save for where players have qualified for an event after the closing date when at the point of closing, they had not qualified for that event.**

Prize Money: Prize money for each event is defined on the Event Entry Form. A rolling maximum break prize will be available as defined on the Event Entry Form which will accumulate until it is won. If more than one player achieves the same high break and/or achieves a maximum break within the same event, the relevant prize will be shared equally. The sterling equivalent amount of prize money will be paid, either by WSL or the event promoter, after deduction of the 2.5% WPBSA Levy, any local withholding tax as applicable, WPBSA Flight costs or any other amount due to WSL &/or WPBSA. 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. Due to Chinese banking regulations, payments from China could take up to 8-10 weeks to reach your bank account. For payment to be paid directly into your account WSL will disclose your bank details to the event Promoter. It is the Players sole responsibility to ensure WSL have a completed up to date bank nomination form at all times.

Prize Money Rankings: Tour players will receive prize money ranking points as outlined in the Indicative Prize Money Rankings Points Schedule for 2018/19. Standardised conversion rates for non-sterling events are shown on the Indicative Prize Money Rankings Points Schedule. Should a Player compete in the qualifying rounds for an event & qualify to participate in the final stages of that event but then fail to appear in the final stages of that event, for any reason whatsoever, the Player will not be eligible to receive any prize money whatsoever, or prize money ranking points relating to the event until the situation has been considered by the appeals committee who may, at their absolute discretion, allocate ranking points where it can be demonstrated that there are extreme mitigating circumstances. These points will be allocated from the date of the committee meeting and will not affect previously issued draws. For the avoidance of doubt this rule shall in no way affect WSL's right to take any further action it decides in accordance with any relevant provisions of the Players Contract. Any Player or Players seeded through beyond the first round who go on to lose their 1st match where there is guaranteed prize money will receive their prize money in full, but, they shall not receive any prize money ranking points.

World Grand Prix, Players Championship and Tour Championship: Qualification for these events will be determined using the 1 year ranking list, starting at the start of the 2018/19 season and running until the seeding cut off point identified in the Event Entry Pack. In the event that place(s) become available should any player not enter the tournament for whatever reason the subsequent place(s) will be offered to the next in line on the 1 year ranking list. If this is after the draw has been made the reserve player will be a straight swap into the draw. Players on equal points on the 1 year ranking list, will be ranked on their best performance in the most recent event working backwards from the last event until the position is determined. If still equal, then the seeding of those players will be determined at random

Main Tour Seeding: Players on equal prize money will be seeded based on the best performance (stage/round reached through winning a match) working backwards from the most recent ranking event.

Main Tour qualification for season 2019/2020: Top 64 from Prize Money Rankings after World Championship 2018. Additional tour spaces will be announced in due course. Tour places are at the sole discretion of WSL.

Draw & Format: Each event draw will be conducted by WSL in conjunction with the promoter as soon as possible after the closing date of entry & relevant seeding cut-off date. Once the draw for an Invitation Event is completed WSL reserves the right to nominate a reserve player should anyone withdraw for whatever reason, that Player will be a straight swap in the draw.

Withdrawals: Withdrawals after the proposed cut off point, which will be close of play (17:00 BST) on the penultimate business day prior to the start of an event, will result in the player being referred to the WPBSA Disciplinary Committee in addition to any fine imposed by WSL. These new rules for withdrawal are summarised below:

Withdrawal after the closing date, but before the draw has been performed, will result in no fine imposed as is currently the case for all players.

Withdrawal after the draw has been performed, but before close of play (17:00 BST) on the penultimate business day prior to the first day of qualifying (Proposed Cut Off Point), will result in a fine from the appropriate level of the tiered fine system, as is currently the case for all players. In these circumstances, World Snooker will seek to replace the player with the Next Highest Ranked Eligible Player, in a straight swap in the draw.

Withdrawal after the Proposed Cut Off Point (Late Withdrawal) will result in an appropriate fine, taking account of the full circumstances of the withdrawal as well as referral to the WSL Disciplinary Committee. In these circumstances, World Snooker WILL NOT make a place available in the draw for the Next Highest Ranked Eligible Player.

The '**Next Highest Ranked Eligible Player**' will be either:

- i) the next highest ranked professional player who otherwise didn't qualify for the tournament, or
- ii) the next highest ranked player on the Q School Top Up list if the next highest ranked professional player had already been afforded the opportunity to enter and compete in the tournament and had not accepted this invitation before the expressed deadline.

The Late Withdrawal option will not be applicable in either the Paul Hunter Classic or Gibraltar Open, or any similarly formatted Pro-Am event. In these events there will be no replacement of any player who withdraws.

This process only applies to the first round of an event, any withdrawal after the first round of an event will automatically qualify as a Late Withdrawal and there will be no replacement player.

Wildcards: A Tour Player can only be selected to play a Main Tour wildcard match once per season. No ex tour players will be allowed to play as wildcards in events in China.

Pre-qualifying round: A pre-qualifying round may be required to accommodate all Tour players. This will involve the Wildcard players in addition to the relevant number of players selected at random from outside of the top 64 players to reduce the field to 128. Wildcard players will be automatically included in any pre-qualifying round. The winners will progress at random into bottom 64 seed places in Round 1. Main Tour Players can only be included in one pre-qualifier per season. Winners of a pre-qualifying round will receive half of the Last 64 round prize money and this WILL count towards the prize money rankings, but this only applies to those players who then lose in Round 1. Players winning a pre-qualifying round and then winning further matches will be paid the prize money as outlined for that round in the prize money breakdown.

PR Activities: Players may be required to attend PR Activities for an event scheduled for the day before play starts of that event.

Dress Code: Long sleeved shirt, waistcoat & bow tie with tailored trousers & shoes should be worn unless otherwise stated in the Event Entry Pack.. Subject to the Tournament Directors discretion, the appropriate sanction for a breach of dress code will be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of the entry fee as well as reserving the right to refer the individual to the WPBSA.

Dress code backstage: Everyone must wear acceptable clothing ie trousers & shirt of a reasonable standard; baseball caps & smart jeans (no rips) are permitted. Track suits are not allowed.

Logos: All logos are subject to approval from WSL, and must comply with all regulations within the Logo Code of Practice. Contact Simon Brownell for the application form at simon.brownell@worldsnooker.com or on 0117 317 8216. Local legislation may prohibit certain products eg tobacco & gambling. Players are responsible for providing personal sponsor logo patches. Logos should be manufactured appropriately.

Flights & accommodation: These costs will be the responsibility of the Player unless specified in any player correspondence. If a player chooses an alternative hotel to the one provided all costs & security will be the responsibility of the Player concerned.

Players Contract: All obligations & penalties in relation to Player obligations as per the Players Contract will be applicable. **Nothing within this clause prohibits WSL from reporting a player to the WPBSA Disciplinary Committee deemed to be a flagrant breach of the Players Contract.**

Cancellation/Relocation/Postponement: If a tournament is cancelled, entry fees will be refunded if applicable. If a tournament is cancelled, relocated or postponed the terms & conditions of the Players Contract will apply.