

ENTRY FORM – CHALLENGE TOUR EVENT 7**Closing Date: Wednesday, 20 November 2019 (12.00 noon)**

Dates: 12-13 December 2019 Pre-qualifiers*
 14-15 December 2019 Final Stages (Last 64)

* pre-qualifying days and schedule is subject to no of entries.

Venue: De Maxx Snooker Pool en Café, Neerpelt, Belgium

Entry Fee: £50

Number of frames: All matches best of 5 frames

Prize Money:

	Number	Individual Prize	Round Total
Winner	1	£2,000	£2,000
Runner-up	1	£1,000	£1,000
Semi-finalist	2	£700	£1,400
Quarter-finalist	4	£500	£2,000
Last 16	8	£200	£1,600
Last 32	16	£125	£2,000
Total			£10,000

Players: (max 64 plus qualifiers)
 1-56 Top 56 from the 2019 Q School Order of Merit (not already qualified for a Tour place)
 57-64 8 wildcards

Criteria: Players will be allowed to play in both World Snooker Tour and Challenge Tour events if eligible but only where the dates for these events do not clash.

The Top player from the final Challenge Tour Order of Merit at the end of the season will receive a World Snooker Tour card for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 seasons. The next eight players on the Order of Merit will go into a play-off event, the winner of that event to receive the second Tour card for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 seasons. The draw for the play-off will be seeded with the player highest on the Challenge Tour Order of Merit drawn against the eighth highest, and so on.

Seeding priority of Top-up to 64: Players who qualify from the pre-qualifier played prior to the main event (Last 64). The exact number of qualifiers will be confirmed after the closing date of entry.

Seeding Structure: Seeds 1-64 Drawn at random

Round Structure:
 Pre-qualifiers Subject to the number of spaces available within the L64 final stages, players will be drawn at random against each other and play down to the number of available spaces,
 Round 1 Last 64 Seeded players and pre-qualifiers drawn at random v Each other
 Round 2 Last 32 32 Round 1 winners v Each other

Draw and Format: As soon as possible after the closing date

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

Brand Exclusion: tbc

All events in the World Snooker Tour (WST) 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: WST Ranking events are open to all WST players, Invitational Tour Card holders, & invited amateur players although some events have restricted entry numbers. WST Invitational events are open to players as laid out in each individual Event Entry Pack. Some WSL events are open to WST players, Invitational Tour Card holders, & amateur players as defined on the Event Entry Form. All non-WSL WST players (amateurs) must be 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. 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. **Maximum Break Prize – A £1m maximum break bonus prize has been made available for World Snooker events (full list provided below). If 20 maximum breaks or more are achieved over a season in the listed events, the prize of £1m will be shared amongst those players who achieved a maximum break with one share of the prize being issued for each maximum break. The qualifying events are; World Cup, Riga Masters, World Open, Shanghai Masters, Indian Open, China Championship, English Open, International Championship, Championship League, Northern Ireland Open, UK Championship, Scottish Open, The Masters, European Masters, German Masters, World Grand Prix, Welsh Open, Shoot Out, Players Championship, Gibraltar Open, Tour Championship, China Open, World Championship and Champion of Champions.**

Prize Money Rankings: Players will receive prize money ranking points as outlined in the Indicative Prize Money Rankings Points Schedule for each season. 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

WST 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.

WST qualification for season 2020/2021: Top 64 from Prize Money Rankings after World Championship 2020. 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:

- the next highest ranked professional player who otherwise didn't qualify for the tournament, or
- 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.

For Q School and European Challenge Tour Events, a reserve list will be maintained with any player eligible to enter, and will be populated on a first come first served basis with the next highest ranked eligible player being the first on the reserve list. For UK Challenge Tour Events a reserve list will be maintained from those players outside the guaranteed 64, but only those who have entered the event before the extended deadline, and were not ranked high enough on the Q School Order of Merit to qualify for the event, will be included on the reserved list. The Late Withdrawal option will not be applicable in the 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 WST event wildcard round 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.