



**Closing Date: Tuesday, 30 June 2020 (12.00 noon)**

This document provides an outlined of how we plan for this event to run. As government guidance on COVID 19 is constantly evolving, WST are unable to finalise these plans and we may need to contact you before the event with updates to the plan. If you have entered and receive an update to the event that results in you wishing to withdraw from the event, you will be able to do so before the closing date and receive a full refund of your entry fee.

It is important to note that the COVID 19 policy for this event may require you to be tested for COVID 19 and the cost of this test will be covered by your entry fee. It may also require you to stay at the designated hotel for the duration of your involvement in Q School. Your accommodation will be at your own cost and you may be required to pay a deposit towards your accommodation in advance of your stay. Rest assured, WST shall try to keep accommodation costs to a minimum. It is also possible that government guidance may change between now and the event that means that this is not required. We will notify you as soon as the policy for managing COVID 19 risk at this event is confirmed and these details are finalised.

All entrants will be drawn to play in 3 individual knock-out tournaments which will be run consecutively.

- Dates:** 1<sup>st</sup> Event Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
2<sup>nd</sup> Event Consecutively after the first event  
3<sup>rd</sup> Event Consecutively after the second event
- Venue:** English Institute of Sport, Sheffield
- Closing Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- Entry Fee:** £1,000 All entries are non-refundable after the closing date except for those players who will have paid their entry fee to Q School and are subsequently invited onto the Main Tour via an officially recognised alternative qualification route. All players must be in good standing with their National Federation at the time of entering and competing in the Q School. In the event of a dispute with a National Federation there will be an appeals process via the WPBSA Company Secretary.
- Players falling off the Tour:** As this event will take place so soon after the World Championship Qualifiers, it will not be possible to keep entry open until after these qualifiers. For that reason, if you are a main tour player you will need to register interest in the event before the closing date for entry. This can be done by entering the 'Q School – Main Tour Player' event on the online entry portal. You will not be charged the £1,000 entry fee at the point of entering this Event, but you will be included in the draw for Q School. Once your status on the Main Tour has then been confirmed, you will be given the opportunity to confirm your position within Q School and pay the £1,000 entry fee. The entry fee will need to be paid before Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 otherwise you will be removed from the Q School draw. Any player qualifying for the Crucible stages of the 2020 Betfred World Championship will be guaranteed a new two-year tour card if they are not in the top 64 on the WST Ranking List at the end of the season.
- Max No of players:** Subject to COVID 19 policy, we may be required to implement a maximum number of players for this event. If a limit is required, it will be applied on a first come first served basis. Any player who falls off the Main Tour will be allowed to enter Q School regardless of the number of entries for the event. Also, any player who has qualified for the Challenge Tour Play offs but fails to win a tour card in that event will be allowed to enter Q School regardless of the number of entries for the event.
- Prize:** Qualification for 2020/2021 & 2021/2022 Main Tour. Any WST places awarded to players are subject to WST and WPBSA approval. In the event of a player qualifying for the Main Tour more than once through a recognised qualifying route, the selection will be based on chronological order with the first event in the calendar counting as the qualifying place on the Tour. The resulting available place will revert to a concession.

<b>Players Qualifying:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Events - four semi-finalists from each event making a total of 12 qualifying places. After the 1 <sup>st</sup> event, the names of the successful players will be withdrawn from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> events and those players who they were drawn against shall receive a bye into the next round of that tournament, likewise after the 2 <sup>nd</sup> event. Players who qualify for the Main Tour will be required to attend a MANDATORY WPBSA induction day at the start of the season. WST will reserve the right to refuse any player to compete should they not attend.		
<b>Number of Frames:</b>	7		
<b>Seeding:</b>	At random		
<b>Round Structure/ Draw/ Format:</b>	Dependent on the number of entries. The draw for each tournament will be made available during the 2020 Betfred World Championship Qualifiers.		
<b>Q School Ranking List:</b>	A separate ranking list will be compiled during Q School with players earning 1 point for every frame won. During the 2020/2021 season, should the number of entries in any WST event fall below the required number of entrants, subject to wildcards and commercial agreements, the highest ranked players from the Q School ranking list will be used to top up to the required number of entrants.		
	<b>CHALLENGE TOUR</b> – The WPBSA will be organising the Challenge Tour Series for Q School players for the 2020/2021 season. The full details are yet to be finalised and will be released in due course.		
<b>Age Restrictions:</b>	There are no age restrictions for entry to Q School, however, the WPBSA and WST reserve the right to refuse entry to any player under the age of 16 years of age as of 18 August 2020. Any player under 18 years of age as of 18 August 2020, must have their entry confirmed in writing by a parent or guardian before competing.		
<b>Dress Code:</b>	Dress code will be dark trousers, shoes, collared plain shirt and waistcoat, however, no bow ties are required. No jeans or trainers are allowed.		
<b>Player logos to sell:</b>	3	<b>World Snooker Logos:</b>	1
<b>Brand Exclusion:</b>	Details of any potential brand exclusion will be circulated in advance of the event.		