



2019/2020 – ROKiT WORLD SENIORS SNOOKER (WSS) STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY



All events in the 2019/20 ROKiT World Seniors Snooker Tour, staged by World Seniors Snooker Ltd, are subject to the following Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change at the discretion of The ROKiT World Senior Snooker Tour ('RWSS').

Please be reminded that all players are responsible for keeping RWSS up to date with their current email address.

Entry Criteria: All RWSS events are open to all players of any gender or nationality providing they hold amateur status and are over the age of 40 years on or before the first days play of that qualifier and are in possession of the 2019/20 ROKiT World Seniors Tour Card. All entries are subject to RWSS board approval and the board can refuse and refund the entry from any event, or tour card application, to any player without giving a reason. Some qualifying events this season will be run by partnering National Federations and players entering those events will also need to agree to their terms and conditions of play. Anyone found to not be eligible on the day of play will be disqualified from the event and lose their entrance fee. Anyone who is currently serving any ban or WPBSA suspension is not eligible to enter.

Players can purchase one place at all qualifiers for all tour events as long as the event is not full or past its published closing date. Capacity of each event is published well in advance of entry. In the event they win an event, and therefore qualify for the final stages, the player can still enter and play in the other qualifying events to maintain rankings but should they win again the place at the final stages would be allocated to the runner up. In the event both finalists have already qualified then the two losing semi-finalists would play a 1 frame shootout.

The winner of each qualifier agrees to participate in the Final Stages of the Main Event if invited and as long as they still hold amateur status at the time the event is due to happen.

The winner of each qualifier agrees to attend any press or hospitality designated as part of the Main Event.

All players understand, and accept, that qualifiers are played in snooker clubs and whereas every effort will be made to provide the best standard of tables, we cannot replicate professional tournament table conditions. We will work with all clubs to provide the best conditions we can.

Should you qualify for a ROKiT World Seniors Tour Ranking Event by winning one of our amateur qualifying events, but then achieve professional status before the staging of that event, then the player understands that the invitation to that event would be withdrawn. Any prize money won would be retained by the player

Entry/closing dates: Entry fees (cleared funds) for all RWSS tournaments must be received, together with a completed entry form, by the relevant closing date via our online entry system. **Entry fees are non-refundable.** Entries cannot be transferred to another player or another event. Late entries may be accepted after the closing date subject to the absolute discretion of the RWSS. Please note this would only occur in exceptional circumstances with proof of a systems technical issue having prevented entry. A Top up system may be used with RWSS discretion. RWSS may extend or close entry dates without notice, and at its discretion based on current entries at any time. A player may enter a RWSS event without holding a tour card but

cannot play until they hold one. Should the player not hold a tour card before the time of their first designated match then they will be withdrawn from the event and lose their entry fee. The RWSS tour will offer a 'top up' to fill any withdrawal up until 5pm before the first days play at the event. Once an event reaches its capacity 64/128 we will issue a closure notice.

Players can go onto the top up list after the event closing date by emailing info@snookerlegends.co.uk and should there be a withdrawal before 5pm the day before the first days play then players on that list will be offered a top up but would not be told who they are playing or what position they would take in the draw. Top ups would be filled in order of withdrawals and in order of who got on the top up list first. If you are on the top up list, get offered a place and accept then you will pay your entry fee and then be informed your start time and opponent. Top up players will be informed on what day their first day's play would be before having to accept or decline.

It is inevitable that some player withdrawals may become public knowledge before the top up is offered, in that case to avoid a 'top up player' swerving the first offer in the knowledge a player of less ability may also be withdrawing once you refuse a top up for the event you will not be offered one again for that tournament.

A player cannot ask to go on a top up list while entry spaces still remain in the event. Top up list will only be opened following the draw.

Sanctions and penalties may be put in place for players who regularly withdraw from events after the draw is made but only after close monitoring and a review of player circumstances with them also involved.

All players who withdraw from any event will be asked for a written explanation, in the form of an email, with any evidence they wish to supply. The tour understands that many variables can lead to a player needing to withdraw and the problem only occurs once the draw has been made as that can impact all the competitors in that event.

5, Prize Money: A minimum Prize money schedule will be published in advance of entry for that event. Considerations will be made based on the location of the qualifier in relation to the location of the final stage event it relates to to cover a contribution to the travelling costs for the winner to take up his place. Prize money will be paid by RWSS into the designated players account within 30 days of the event finishing after the deduction of any local withholding tax as applicable. 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.

Rankings: Players will receive ranking points as outlined in the WSS Rankings Points Schedule for 2019/20 which will be sent to every player who enters and be available for public scrutiny.

Seeding Structure – At qualifiers the top 16 Players who enter will be seeded into position according to their position on the official RWSS world ranking list. Players on equal ranking points will be seeded based on their current season highest break. Should this still not provide a definitive ranking then players shall have equal ranking and a toss of a coin would decide ranking position. All other RWSS ranked players, and unranked entries will be drawn at random.

Seeding cut-off: The event seeding will be determined by the ranking list issued following the previous tournament. In the event that one event needs to be drawn before the seeding position is updated from the most recent event then the previous seeding position will be used.

PR Activities: Players at qualifiers will be expected to make themselves available for interviews and photos. At Final stage events, where our winners join our seeded legends, they will be expected to attend any PR functions and dinners.

Draw & Format: Draw & Format: Each event draw will be conducted by RWSS as soon as possible after the closing date. The format of each event will be published for all players in advance of the entries being open. All players will confirm on entry that they agree to these terms and conditions and format of the event. The tournament director has the right to reschedule matches to allow for sensible and continual progression of the event. They can also shorten the length of each match in exceptional circumstances without notice. No player will be expected to play their first round match earlier than advertised in the draw unless agreed by mutual consent.

Dress Code: For Qualifying events players will be required to wear either the official RWSS Tour playing Shirt or the attire specified by the partnering federation. Suit trousers and shoes should be worn with this unless otherwise stated in the Draw Event Entry Pack.

At Final Stage Events a long sleeved shirt, fastened waistcoat, bow tie or lounge tie with suit trousers and shoes should be worn unless otherwise stated in the Event Entry Pack. We do NOT allow other footwear including trainers, running shoes, sneakers, sandals and boots. 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. The sanction in this case to be at the discretion of the tournament director but MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Director also reserves the right to report a player to the WSS for a breach of the dress code. Should a player have a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a lounge or bow tie a signed letter must be forwarded to this office in advance of your first days play from your doctor.

Should a player turn up without the correct official tour paying shirt they will be required to purchase a generic tour shirt from our TD which will be at a higher cost and can only be used at that event in an emergency.

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. Any player seen in breach of this by any RWSS 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. Any player seen in breach of this by any WSS 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.

Coaching: Coaching is not permitted during play. For the avoidance of doubt this includes between frames or any mid-session intervals. Any player seen in breach of this by any WSS 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 WSS 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 WSS Event.
 - iii. Contacting a PLAYERS COMMISSION 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.

Final Event conditions

At the final stages a 30 second shot clock may be in operation, with each player having a set number of opportunities per match to call a time extension and receive an additional 30 seconds. At the final stages of the events a

'live commentary' may accompany all matches if the event is hosted in an English speaking country. We cannot guarantee practice tables will be available during qualifiers or at the final events.

The Standard allocation for Qualifiers and seeds for the final stages are allowed two tickets to their actual match and two players' lounge passes per day. Applications for these should be made to the tournament director no later than the morning of their playing day and the player understands they may not be available. RWSS reserves the right to alter this allocation without notice.

Qualifiers and seeds are responsible for their own visa requirements should the location of the event mean they require one. This is very important if you are considering entering the USA, Hong Kong or China from the UK or indeed visiting the UK from outside the EU. Once a player enters an event where a visa is required then an invitation letter will be provided from the National Governing Body of that country to assist. From it is the players responsibility to ensure they have the correct paperwork to allow them to visit the territory where the qualifier or final stage event is being held. If a player enters an event but then finds they cannot visit the territory or fail to secure the necessary paperwork then they will lose their entry fee. Players must understand they are not tourists they are amateur snooker players visiting a territory to compete in an event which carries prize money.

Seeded players may be subject to change at short notice. In the event that seeds or qualifiers withdraw then the WSS reserves the right to replace them with a legend or use the ranking list (a top up). All amateur players understand they can only receive one 'top up' per season.

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.

Right to call a roaming referee: 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.

Logos: Players are permitted to wear their own logo, to cover an area no greater than defined in the guidelines. The WSS reserves the right to apply brand exclusion on an event by event basis. Any exclusion and amount of logos permitted will be notified clearly within the entry pack for each relevant tournament where applicable. The RWSS reserves the right to hold two logo places back for event title sponsor or WPBSA/RWSS partner, players to be notified in advance.

Accommodation: For qualifiers each player is responsible for the payment of their hotel and expenses at RWSS events. The winner of each qualifier, who proceeds to a final stage RWSS Event with the seeded legends agrees to stay at the official team hotel. Bed and Breakfast costs will be covered for one room (two guests) for as long as you remain in the tournament for UK Events but for overseas events, you are required to stay for the whole event if required for PR Activities.

Cancellation/Relocation/Postponement: If a tournament is cancelled, relocated or postponed, entry fees will be

refunded should the player not be able to attend the rearranged date.

Presentations: Where specified within the event entry pack, medallists must be available to attend medal/trophy presentations if required by the WSS.

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 fifteen minutes until the match is over. Regardless of the scheduled length of the match, once a player has been docked three frames the match is over. The match starting time is defined as the published time not the time following any permitted 5 minute warm up.

Please note that from the date of entry to any WSS event until 7 days after the conclusion of the event all players are bound by the [WPBSA Members Rules](#) and [Disciplinary Rules](#).

The General Obligations under the Members Rules are:

1.1 Members shall, at all times (i.e. whether at a Tournament or not), behave in a proper and correct manner consistent with their status as professional player.

1.2 Members shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person on the grounds of disability, their religion, race, colour or national or ethnic origin, sex or sexual orientation.

1.3 A Member shall not make or cause to be made any statement or commit or cause to be committed any act which in the reasonable view of the WPBSA is likely to bring into disrepute the games of snooker and/or billiards.

1.4 Each Member shall participate in all snooker and billiards Matches, Tournaments and Tours in a fair and sporting manner and shall co-operate with WSS and the WPBSA to promote and develop the sports of snooker and billiards.

1.5 Members must comply with the entry terms and conditions of each Tournament in which they have entered.

1.6 Members will comply with and act in accordance with all reasonable instruction of the Tournament Director or any other Tournament Official.

1.7 Each Member shall perform and compete to the best of their ability in each Tournament in which they compete.

1.8 Members are responsible for their guests at Events. The Member may be held accountable for the Guest's behaviour regardless of whether the Member is with the Guest at the time of any inappropriate behaviour by the Guest.

1.9 The Board may from time to time supplement, amend or vary these Rules. Such changes shall be deemed to be effective and binding on each Member as from the date of publication of the changes.

Please ensure that you have read and understand the terms and conditions of entry, rules and regulations of the WSS and its governing body the WPBSA.