

ENTRY FORM – RUHR OPEN 2015 – MULHEIM, GERMANY (ET3)

Closing Date: Thursday, 27 August 2015 (12.00 noon)

Dates: 7-8 October 2015 Amateur pre qualifier*
9-11 October 2015 Final Stages (Last 128 to Final)
* amateur pre-qualifying day, venue and schedule is subject to no of entries.

Venue: RWE Sportshalle, Mulheim, Germany

Entry Fee: £100

Max No of players: 128 plus amateur qualifiers

Number of frames: Best of 7 frames for duration of event

Prize Money:

	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	€2,300	€18,400
Last 32	16	€1,200	€19,200
Last 64	32	€700	€22,400
Total			€125,000
Last 128 Rolling 147 Prize	1	£500	

Seeded players: 64 from European Tour Order of Merit as at seeding cut off

Seeding Cut Off: European Tour Order of Merit after the Paul Hunter Classic (ET2) 2015

Seeding priority of Top-up to 128:

- 1) Max of 3 Invitational Tour Card holders to top up entries to max 120 players.
- 2) 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.

If fewer than 128 players enter the event, the highest seeded players will receive a bye into the last 64 round.

Seeding Structure:	Seeds 1-4	Placed in 1 64 33 32 respectively
	Seeds 5-8	At random in 16 17 48 49
	Seeds 9-16	At random in 8 9 24 25 40 41 56 57
	Seeds 17-32	At random in 4 5 12 13 20 21 28 29 36 37 44 45 52 53 60 61
	Seeds 33-64	At random in remaining matches
	Seeds 65- 128	At random

Draw and Format: Week commencing 31 August 2015

Broadcasting: Eurosport – 1 match table from the Last 128 stage

Player logos to sell: 2 **World Snooker Logos:** 2

Brand Exclusion: Dental market and dentistry
Title Sponsor brand exclusion tbc

Dress code Pre-qualifier: Players' own dark long sleeved tailored shirt (no waistcoat or bow tie), with tailored trousers and shoes.

Dress code Final Stages: (Provided by World Snooker) Hawes & Curtis tailor-made shirts embroidered with World Snooker sponsor logos (2 per player). Logos must be located in allocated positions: Tour sponsor logo - right hand breast (top), Event sponsor logo - tbc, 2 player logos - left breast (top) and /or left sleeve (top).

All events in the 2015/16 World Snooker Main Tour are subject to the following Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change at the discretion of World Snooker ("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 in an event once you have entered.

Entry Criteria: All Main Tour Ranking events are open to all 2015/16 Main Tour players, Invitational Tour Card holders & invited amateur players. All Main Tour Invitational events are open to players selected at WSL's discretion as defined on the Event Entry Form. All Euro/Asian Tour events are open to 2015/16 Main Tour players, Invitational Tour Card holders & amateur players.

Entry Fees: Non-refundable, & payable via the online entry system. No entries will be accepted after the closing date.

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 1 player achieves the high &/or maximum break within the same event, the 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. Players must ensure WSL have a completed bank nomination form to enable payment to be made.

Prize Money Rankings: Tour players will receive prize money ranking points as outlined in the Indicative Prize Money Rankings Points Schedule for 2015/16. 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 ranking points relating to the Event. For the avoidance of doubt this clause shall in no way affect WSL's right to sanction a player in accordance with clause 7 of the Players Contract.

Players losing in their 1st match where there is guaranteed prize money will receive their prize money in full, but, no money will count towards the prize money rankings.

Kreativ Dental Clinic European Tour/Asian Tour Order of Merit: A separate 1 year Order of Merit will be in operation for the Kreativ Dental Clinic European Tour & Asian Tour which is calculated in Sterling. All players who compete in the European Tour/Asian Tour will appear on the Kreativ Dental Clinic European Tour/Asian Tour Order of Merit.

The top 24 players on the Kreativ Dental Clinic European Tour Order of Merit & the top 8 players on the Asian Tour Order of Merit will qualify for entry into the Players Championship.

Players on equal points on either Order of Merit, will be ranked on their best performance in the season on the respective Order of Merit. If still equal, then the 2nd, then 3rd, then 4th best performance will be considered until all possible performances have been considered. If still equal, the best performance in the most recent event working backwards from the last event on the respective Order of Merit until the position is determined. If still equal, then the seeding of those players will be determined at random.

Should a player qualify through both the European Tour Order of Merit & the Asian Tour Order of Merit, their qualification will be deemed through the Order of Merit in which they are ranked highest. If the player is ranked in the same position in both Order of Merits, the Tour with the greatest number of Events will be the Order of Merit that the player is deemed to have qualified through (In the 2015/16 season this will be the European Tour Order of Merit).

All non-WSL Main Tour players (amateurs) must be members of and in good standing with their National Governing Body.

Kreativ Dental Clinic European Tour Seeding: If the seeding position cannot be determined by the European Tour Order of Merit position, as

players are on equal prize money, the highest seed will be determined by the number of matches won in the most recent Euro Tour event. If still equal, the number of frames won & lost, calculated per round working backwards from the latest round played in the tournament, will be used to determine the highest seed. In the unlikely event that players are still equal, the rules above will be applied to performances in previous Euro Tour events this season working backwards. If players are still equal they will be selected 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. Invitational Tour Card players will be seeded based on historical career earnings.

Main Tour qualification for season 2016/2017: Top 64 from Prize Money Rankings after World Championship 2016, Players awarded a 2 year Tour card for the 2015/2016 season (not already qualified), top 8 players (professional or amateur) from the Kreativ Dental Clinic European Tour Order of Merit & top 4 players (professional or amateur) taken from the Asian Tour Order of Merit, who have not already qualified will be awarded a place on the 2016/2017 & 2017/2018 Main Tour. Remaining places to be confirmed. 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.

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

PR Activities: Players may be required to attend PR Activities scheduled for the day before play starts. Players should refrain from undertaking media activities in the Event host country.

Dress Code: Long sleeved shirt, waistcoat & bow tie with tailored trousers & shoes should be worn unless otherwise communicated.

Non adherence to the Dress Code will result in a breach of the WSL Players contract Appendix 1 section 3.b. For the avoidance of doubt WSL considers the appropriate sanction in this case to 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, & must comply with all regulations within the Logo Code of Practice. The WSL logo patch should be located as the top logo on the right h& side of the waistcoat/shirt. 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.

EBSA Order of Merit: A separate EBSA Order of Merit for amateur players will be compiled from points earned across the 6 Kreativ Dental Clinic European Tour events. The Top 16 players on the EBSA Order of Merit at the end of the 6 events will qualify for the end of season EBSA Play Offs where they will compete for the 2 tour places.

Players Contract: All obligations & penalties in relation to Player obligations as per the Players Contract will be applicable, but for the 2015/16 season WSL will waive the £250 fine for a 1st offense under the Players' Contract & replace it with a written warning. The penalty for a 2nd offence will remain at £500. **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, relocated or postponed entry fees will be refunded & the terms & conditions of the Players Contract will then be applied.