

Closing Date: Thursday 14 July (12.00 noon)

Dates: 24-25 August 2016 Amateur pre-qualifiers*
 26-28 August 2016 Final Stages
 * 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: Stadhalle, Furth, Germany

Entry Fee: £100

Max No of players: 128 plus amateur qualifiers

Number of frames: All matches best of 7 frames

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
Final Venue Rolling 147 Prize	1	£5,000	

Seeded players: 1-128 2 year rolling Official Prize Money Ranking list as at seeding cut off

Seeding Cut Off: Official 2 year Prize Money Rankings after the Indian Open 2016

Seeding priority of Top-up to 128:
 1) 1 Invitational Tour Card holder to top up entries to max 128 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.

Seeding Structure: Seeds 1-128 Drawn at random in L128 round

Round Structure:
 Round 1 Last 128 64 At random v 64 At random
 Round 2 Last 64 64 Round 1 winners v Each other

Broadcasting: TBC

Draw and Format: w/c 18 July 2016

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

Brand Exclusion: TBC

Dress code Qualifiers: TBC

Dress code Final Stages: TBC

All events in the 2016/17 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 2016/17 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 Form. Some WSL events are open to 2016/17 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 2016/17. 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. 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: Qualification for the World Grand Prix will be determined using a 1 year ranking list, starting from the start of the 2016/17 season and concluding at 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 World Grand Prix Qualification 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.

Players Championship Qualification for the Players Championship will be determined using the 1 year ranking list as used for the World Grand Prix, starting from the start of the 2016/17 season and concluding at 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 Players Championship Qualification 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. Invitational Tour Card players will be seeded based on historical career earnings.

Main Tour qualification for season 2017/2018: Top 64 from Prize Money Rankings after World Championship 2017, In addition, **the next 8 players from a 1 year ranking list after World Championship 2017, only counting money earned during the 2016/17 season, plus 2 players from the EBSA Play Offs.** Remaining places to be confirmed. Four 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 for an event scheduled for the day before play starts of that event. Players should refrain from undertaking media activities in any country during any WSL Event and any snooker tournaments or exhibition matches within the host country of a WSL Event within 3 days from the start of a WSL event without written approval of WSL

Dress Code: Long sleeved shirt, waistcoat & bow tie with tailored trousers & shoes should be worn unless otherwise stated in the Event Entry Pack. **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, and 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 hand 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.

Players Contract: All obligations & penalties in relation to Player obligations as per the Players Contract will be applicable. **For the 2016/17 WSL have re-instated the first offence fine under the Players Contract of £250.** Notwithstanding the terms of the individual Players Contract, all events are played under this rule. 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 apply.

EBSA Order of Merit: A separate EBSA Order of Merit for amateur players will be compiled from points earned across the 2 Pro-Am events (Paul Hunter Classic and Gibraltar Open). The Top 8 players on the EBSA Order of Merit at the end of the 2 events will qualify for the end of season EBSA Play Offs where they will compete for the 2 tour places. 10 Points will be allocated for each match won in relation to both matches in pre-qualifying stages and Main Event stages.

Where a Player is seeded through to a later round of qualifying and they win their first 'seeded match' they will receive not only the 10 points for that match but also the 10 points per round for each of the rounds that they were seeded through. Where a Player is seeded through to a later round of qualifying, and they lose their first 'seeded match' they will be allocated 0 points for that match and 0 points for the round(s) that they were seeded through. Should a player withdraw for whatever reason, no points will be awarded.

In the event of players finishing on the same points they will be ranked based on countback over the two events on round progressed to in the Gibraltar Open and then round progressed to in the Paul Hunter Classic. Players losing in a round that they have been seeded into will be treated as if they had lost in the first round for this purpose. In the event players still tied they will be ranked based on frame scores first in the Gibraltar Open and then if still equal, in the Paul Hunter Classic.