

ENTRY FORM – WORLD SNOOKER Q SCHOOL 2018

Closing Date: Wednesday, 28 March (12.00 noon)

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

Dates:	1 st Event 2 nd Event 3 rd Event	Monday 14 May 2018 Consecutively after the first event Consecutively after the second event
Venue:	Meadowside, Burton on Trent	
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 members of and in good standing with their National Governing Body at the time of entering and competing in the Q School. In the event of a dispute with a National Governing Body there will be an appeals process via the WPBSA Company Secretary.	
Max No of players:	No Maximum	
Prize:	Qualification for 2018/2019 & 2019/2020 Main Tour. Any WSL Tour places awarded to players are subject to WSL 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.	
Players Qualifying:	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Events - four semi-finalists from each event making a total of 12 qualifying places. After the 1 st event, the names of the successful players will be withdrawn from the 2 nd & 3 rd events and those players who they were drawn against shall receive a bye into the next round of that tournament, likewise after the 2 nd event. Players who qualify for the Main Tour will be required to attend a MANDATORY WPBSA induction day at the start of the season. World Snooker will reserve the right to refuse any player to compete should they not attend.	
Number of Frames:	7	
Seeding:	At random	
Round Structure/ Draw/ Format:	Dependent on the number of entries. The draw for each tournament will be made as soon as possible but in any event, after the 2018 Betfred World Championship Qualifiers.	
Q School Ranking List:	A separate ranking list will be compiled during Q School with players earning 1 point for every frame won. During the 2018/2019 season, should the number of entries in any World Snooker Tour event fall below the required number of entrants, subject to commercial agreements, the highest ranked players from the Q School ranking list will be used to top up to the required number of entrants. CHALLENGE TOUR – The top 64 players from the 2018 Q School Ranking List (not qualified for the Main Tour) will be eligible for entry into the Challenge Tour events being played during the 2018/2019 season. The Challenge Tour is a 10 event series with £10,000 of prizemoney available at each event. An entry fee of £50 per Challenge Tour event will be applicable. Further details will be released in due course.	
Age Restrictions:	There are no age restrictions for entry to Q School, however, the WPBSA and WSL reserve the right to refuse entry to any player under the age of 16 years of age as of 14 May 2018. Any player under 18 years of age as of 14 May 2018, must have their entry confirmed in writing by a parent or guardian before competing.	
Dress Code:	Dress code will be dark trousers, shoes, collared plain shirt and waistcoat, however, no bow ties are required. No jeans or trainers are allowed.	
Player logos to sell:	3	World Snooker Logos: 1
Brand Exclusion:	Details of any potential brand exclusion will be circulated in advance of the event.	

2017/2018 - STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 1.4



All events in the 2017/18 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 2017/18 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 Pack. Some WSL events are open to 2017/18 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 2017/18. 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: Qualification for the World Grand Prix will be determined using a 1 year ranking list, starting from the start of the 2017/18 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 2017/18 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 2018/2019: Top 64 from Prize Money Rankings after World Championship 2018. In addition, 2 players from the EBSA Play Offs. 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 not result in a standard fine. Instead, circumstances of the reason for withdrawal will be requested and World Snooker will apply an appropriate and proportional fine taking account of the full circumstances of the withdrawal. 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 and proportional fine, taking account of the full circumstances of the withdrawal. In these circumstances, World Snooker WILL NOT make a place available in the draw for the Next Highest Ranked Eligible Player.

World Snooker reserve the right, as provided within the Players Contract section 7, a, ii, to impose any such sanction against a Player as World Snooker consider appropriate at their sole discretion for a withdrawal without exceptional mitigating circumstances that is provided after the Proposed Cut Off Point. For the avoidance of doubt, it would be highly likely that the fine imposed for a Late Withdrawal will be higher than the fine that would have been imposed under the tiered fine system as it is considered by World Snooker that a late withdrawal is more damaging to the reputation of the sport. World Snooker will consider exceptional mitigating circumstances as part of this process and reserve the right to not impose any fine if no fine is considered appropriate.

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.

An example of the **Proposed Cut Off Point**, the International Championship qualifiers are currently due to start on the 26 September (TUESDAY), the penultimate business day prior to the first day of qualifying will be 22 September (FRIDAY) so any withdrawal after 17:00 BST on Friday 22 September would be considered a Late Withdrawal.

The Late Withdrawal option will not be applicable in either the Paul Hunter Classic or 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 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.

Pre-qualifying round: A pre-qualifying round may be required to accommodate all Tour players. This will involve 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. 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 2017/18 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.