

West of England Billiards & Snooker Foundation

West of England Snooker Open Championships



Introduction

The aim of the WEBSF is to promote and organise tournaments for all ages, genders and skills within the West of England region. The tournaments that are run specifically for members, are central to the annual calendar and categorised as Gold, Silver & Bronze. These tournaments are based on age groups. In addition to 'members only' tournaments the WEBSF run 'Open' tournaments. The format of all tournaments is dependent on the number of players willing to take part and the facilities available.

Tournaments can be run as individual tournaments or as part of a series. Listed below are examples of the tournaments & events :-

WEBSF West of England Gold Series, culminating in the WEBSF Gold Masters Championship (Snooker)

WEBSF West of England Silver Open Championship or Series (Youth Snooker)

WEBSF West of England Bronze Open Championship or Series (Youth Snooker)

WEBSF ONEFOURSEVEN Championship (Snooker)

WEBSF Six Reds tournament (Snooker)

WEBSF West of England Ladies Open Championship (Snooker)

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etc.

The WEBSF Management Team will outline at the annual meeting which tournaments and events will be run during the following season. The tournament season runs from 1st September to 31st August. This document outlines the formats, rules and guidelines for the WEBSF West of England Open Snooker tournaments, including the Ladies tournament. For marketing purposes this tournament will be referred to as The West of England Snooker Open.

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The West of England Snooker Open

For amateur players only.

Any club in the West of England may apply to host The West of England Snooker Open providing they have adequate facilities.

Entry fee to the West of England Snooker Open is set by the WEBSF Management Team annually. Prize money, after table fees and expenses, will be distributed between the winner, runner up, losing semi & quarter finalists, depending on number of entrants. A prize for the best break of the day is at the Tournament Director's discretion.

Pre-registration is required in advance of each tournament or event to ensure commitment and reduce the effect of last minute no-shows. Entry fees are non-refundable unless of mitigating circumstances. These must be submitted in writing to the WEBSF Management Team for consideration.

Club responsibilities are to:-

- appoint a responsible adult as the club liaison for the tournament
- abide by the WEBSF terms and conditions
- uphold the good reputation of the WEBSF
- promote the event in advance
- assist the Tournament Director to uphold a strict code of discipline and behaviour amongst the players and accompanying personnel
- assist the Tournament Director to uphold the current WEBSF dress code
- assist the WEBSF with the safety and well-being of the players. Work within the guidelines laid down in the WEBSF Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and Procedures.

WEBSF responsibilities are to:-

- design and supply the tournament posters and flyers for each event
- provide electronic and/or paperwork templates for administering the tournaments
- calculate and keep records of tournament results
- update the WEBSF website, press and social media with results and tournament dates etc.
- provide help and support at the events
- appoint a responsible adult as the Tournament Director
- enforce a strict code of discipline and behaviour amongst the players and accompanying personnel
- enforce the WEBSF dress code
- ensure the safety and well-being of the players. Work within the guidelines laid down in the WEBSF Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and Procedures.
- Carry out a Risk Assessment prior to each event

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Entry & Event Start

Entry will open at a date and time designated by the WEBSF Management Team. When the allocated number of paid entries have been received, players will automatically go on a list of reserves. Entry will close at 5pm on the day before the tournament, at this juncture the tournament is deemed to have started. The draw can then take place in order to prepare the tournament documents to facilitate an early start on the day of the tournament.

The West of England Snooker Open Format

The West of England Snooker Open is played as either: Round Robin plus Knock-out, Round Robin plus Knock-out plus Plate, Knockout plus Plate or Knock-out only. The intended format for the series is decided in advance of the tournament. However, depending on the number of entrants and available tables, the Tournament Director has the authority to change the format on the day.

Knock-out or Knock-out & Plate format

When more than 24 entries a knock-out format can be played at the Tournament Director's discretion. The Tournament Director reserves the right to limit the number of entrants in the interest of safety, availability of tables and time available to complete the tournament.

A Knock-out tournament will be played as a straight knock-out with an option for a Plate for first round losers only. When seeding is used the top two, four or eight players will be seeded based on previous tournaments in the series.

The first round will normally be the best of seven frames. The number of frames for the following rounds will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director

Round Robin plus Knock-out Round or Robin plus Knock-out plus Plate format

A Round Robin stage will be played to determine the qualifiers for the knock-out stage with an option for a Plate for non-qualifiers (the cut-off points for the qualifiers/non-qualifiers from each group will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director).

Each player plays the best of three/five frames against each other opponent in the group, all matches must be played, failure to do so may cause a player to be expelled from any future WEBSF tournaments. The Tournament Director will decide on a re-format for the group(s) affected by the withdrawal(s).

Points Scoring System

Group Position – this is determined from points accrued. **1 point for each match won in the group + 1 point for each frame won in the group**

In the Event of Ties

Where in the group stages two or more players are tied, the following criteria will determine the final group positions:-

1. The player(s) with the best frame difference will be used to determine the final positions.
2. If players are still tied, the player(s) with the best Head-to-Head result will be used to determine the final positions.

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3. If players are still tied, an elimination process, decided by the Tournament Director (i.e. Black Ball shoot-out) will decide the final positions.

From each group one, two or four qualifiers are promoted to the last sixteen/eight/four to commence the knockout stage.

To decide the positions for the knock-out stages all qualifiers are entered into a draw. Alternatively seeding is used as defined in the table below.

Seeding

Main knock-out stage seeding (8 or 16 Qualifiers)

Eight Qualifiers

Group A 1 v Group C 4
Group A 2 v Group C 3
Group A 3 v Group C 2
Group A 4 v Group C 1

Sixteen Qualifiers

Group B 1 v Group D 4
Group B 2 v Group D 3
Group B 3 v Group D 2
Group B 4 v Group D 1

Prizes and Prize Money

Players will normally receive trophies and/or prize money, after table fees and expenses, which will be distributed between the winner, runners-up, losing semi-finalists, quarter finalist and highest break at the discretion of the Tournament Director. All prize money will be paid in accordance with the WEBSF Financial Procedures.

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WEBSF Tournament Conditions of Entry

Where players are more than 5 minutes late, when called, for the commencement of a match he/she shall forfeit the first frame, if after waiting a further 15 minutes the match will be forfeit. Under these circumstances the entry fee is non-refundable.

1. Membership and completed registration form must be received before entry into any of the WEBSF tournaments unless the tournament is declared 'Open' when membership is waived.
2. The WEBSF dress code must be adhered to. The Tournament Director will refuse entry or disqualify any player failing to comply.

Masters - Smart dark trousers/skirt, dark shoes, **waistcoat**, single colour collared shirt/blouse (bow tie or tie optional). Shirts/blouses must be tucked in at all times. (no polo shirt, jeans, shorts or trainers)

Other WEBSF events - Smart dark trousers/skirt and dark shoes. A choice of either a waistcoat, single colour collared shirt/blouse (bow tie or tie optional) **or** a single colour, collar polo shirt. Shirts/Blouses must be tucked in at all times. (no jeans or trainers).

3. Mobile phones must be switched off or on silent at all times whilst in the match rooms.
4. Dates and venues may be changed at any time, at the WEBSF's discretion
5. The format of play and prize money shall be confirmed on the day of the competition by the Tournament Director
6. The Tournament Directors decision will be final with regard to all decisions relating to the event
7. Members and players must conduct themselves at all times in a proper manner consistent with their status as a sportsman or sportswomen when participating at WEBSF tournaments and events
8. All prize monies shall be subject to entries received.

Entries shall be regarded as an acceptance of these terms and conditions and in the event of any disputes arising or any other matter, the decision of the WEBSF Tournament Director on the day will be binding. Appeals received in writing will be considered by the WEBSF Management Team.

Links to our other Policies & Procedures and Codes of Conduct can be found [here](#):

We are committed to reviewing our Policies & Procedures and Codes of Conduct annually.

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