

# West of England Billiards & Snooker Foundation

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### 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)

WEBSF West of England Snooker Open Championship

WEBSF West of England Billiards Open Championship

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 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> April. This document outlines the formats, rules and guidelines for the WEBSF Gold Snooker tournaments. For marketing purposes these tournaments will be referred to: The Gold Series, The Gold Masters and The Gold Open.

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### The Gold Series & The Gold Masters

These tournaments are for amateur players only.

Any club in the West of England may apply to host a Gold Snooker tournament providing they have adequate facilities.

Entry fee to each Gold Snooker tournament 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.

Note: Gold registered youth players may also play in the Bronze and/or Silver tournaments, subject to conditions.

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Tournaments are played as either: Knock-out only; Knockout plus Plate or Round Robin plus Knock-out. As individual tournaments or as a series. Depending on the number of entrees 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 opted for, at the Tournament Director's discretion. The Tournament Director reserves the right to limit the number of entrees 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.

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

#### Knock-out Ranking Points *(when part of a series of tournaments within a season)*

##### Main Tournament:-

Winner	40 points
Runner-up	35 points
Losing Semi finalists	30 points
Losing Quarter finalists (inc prelim)	25 points
Losing players from last 16 (inc prelim)	20 points
Losing players from last 32 (inc prelim)	15 points
Losing players from last 64 (inc prelim)	10 points
Losing players from last 128 (inc prelim)	5 points

##### Plate:-

Winner	20 points
Runner-up	15 points
Losing Semi-finalists (inc. prelim)	10 points
Losing Quarter finalists (inc. prelim)	5 points

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Losing players from last 16 (inc. prelim)	0 points
Losing players from last 32 (inc. prelim)	0 points
Losing players from last 64 (inc. prelim)	0 points

### Round Robin plus Knock-out format

A Round Robin stage will be played to determine the qualifiers for the knock-out stage (sixteen, eight, four or two players).

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) (see below).

### Player Withdrawals

To accommodate groups with differing number of players we adopt some consistently applied protocols which cover eventualities and alleviate the impact of player withdrawals, these format protocols are:-

1. The draw will not be published until the morning of the tournament to allow for (2 & 3 below)
2. The full list of players will always be spread across the necessary group format where the bottom group/s will be the ones made smaller in the event of withdrawals prior to tournament registration end
3. In the event of a player(s) withdrawing after the 8pm cut off on the evening before the tournament the Management Team will endeavour to fill the vacated place(s) from the list of reserves. Where no replacement player(s) can be found the Management Team will decide whether to leave the group(s) as it is, or move players up in the groups in order to maintain an equal number of players per group, where possible
4. In the event of a player(s) withdrawing when the tournament is in-play all remaining matches will continue to be played in order to determine the qualifiers.

The aim of the Management team is to ensure a full entry to the tournaments, so the Management Team reserves the right to make these adjustments to enhance the tournament experience for everyone

### 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**

**Knock-out points** – as listed in the table below

### Knock-out Position Points

Group	Group	KO	KO
Position	Position Points	Position	Position Points
1	20	Winner	25
2	18	Runner-up	20
3	16	Losing Semi finalist	15
4	14	Losing Quarter finalist	10

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5	12	Losing 8 from last 16	5
6	10		
7	8		
8	6		

**Attendance points** – An option to award attendance points to players for completing all their matches at each event. The amount is set annually by the WEBSF Management Team.

### Ranking Points

Players will receive ranking points at each of the events. These will be used to determine the overall standings in the tour.

Ranking points will be: **The sum of Points accrued in the Group Stage matches + Group Position Points + Knock-out Position Points + Attendance Points.** These are then added together for all events entered. At the end of the series the lowest scoring event points will be discarded when determining the final ranking position.

### The application of ranking points in the event of in-play withdrawals.

By attending the event you set a precedent that you are fit to play and have the intention to complete the event until you have no more matches to play. All matches that are completed will be counted and will contribute to the final group standings. Any player denied the opportunity to play someone who has withdrawn once the tournament has started will earn a walkover where 1 compensatory ranking point is awarded. This then creates a distinction between someone who legitimately earns a win, against someone who has a walkover.

### In the Event of Ties after the completion of each group:

Where in a group two or more players are tied, the following criteria will determine the final group positions for the calculation of Ranking Points and Qualification to the knock-out stage:-

- The players with the **most wins** will determine the final group position between those tied
- If players are still tied, the player(s) with **the best frame difference** will be used to determine the final position between those tied
- If players are still tied the player(s) with the **best Head to Head** result will be used to determine the final positions between those tied
- If players are still tied, an **elimination process**, decided by the Tournament Director (i.e. Black or blue ball shoot-out) will decide the final positions between those tied.

### Final Ranking table ties

At the end of the series all event points, less the lowest event, are calculated to determine the overall champion and top sixteen players for The Gold Masters. In the event of a ranking table tie(s) the following will apply:-

- Best results for each event will be compared to determine positions
- Most wins overall
- Best frame difference overall



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iv. Best head-to-head results overall

### Qualification to the Knock-out stage

Regarding the Gold Series, all events will have two qualification places for each group, regardless of entries. All matches will be best of three

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

### Pre-event seeding

Pre-event seeding is at the discretion of the Tournament Director but if used must be deployed for all series events held during that season. Where used the top four/eight players from the previous tournament will define seeding for the next tournament.

### 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.

### The Gold Masters (*series only*)

After checking through all Gold Series event results, the top sixteen ranked players will be invited to compete in a Gold Waistcoat Masters event. The format will be a straight knock-out, best of five or seven frames per round throughout.

Entry fee will be determined by the WEBSF Management Team. Where any of the top sixteen players decline entry the next ranked player will be invited to play in the vacated ranking position.

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.

The first round only is seeded based on the final positions in The Gold Series ranking table. First round losers will automatically be entered into a Plate event which will be seeded from the main event.

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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, collard 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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