



## **2019/20 EPSB National Championship formats**

### **English Amateur Championship**

- The opening stage will consist of five regional qualifying events. Players may enter whichever region they choose, regardless of their location.
- The second stage will be played in the second half of the season (in 2020).
- The third and final stage will be played at a venue to be confirmed.
- Straight knockout throughout – the qualifying rounds will be best of seven frames.

### **Under-16, Under-18 and Under-21 Championships**

- The opening stage of these tournaments will consist of three qualifying events (North, Midlands, South). Players may enter whichever region they choose, regardless of their location.
- These qualifiers will generate the last 16 of each tournament. Each venue will have at least five qualifiers for the last 16, although the venue with the most entries will gain an additional spot (6,5,5). Should venues have equal number of entries, the EPSB will determine at the time which venue should be allocated the additional qualifying spot.
- Qualifying events will initially be played in round robin groups (best of three frames) with qualification into a subsequent knockout phase (best of three frames).
- Stage two will be played at one venue in the second half of the season (in 2020). The last 16, quarter-finals and semi-finals will be completed there.
- Stage three is the final which will be played at Finals Weekend.

### **Seniors Championship**

- The opening stage of this tournament will consist of north and south qualifying events. Players may enter whichever region they choose, regardless of their location.
- These qualifying events will generate a winner from each who will then contest the final at Finals Weekend.
- These qualifying events will be played over two days. The opening day will be played in round robin groups (best of five frames) with qualification into a subsequent knockout phase the next day (best of five frames).

### **Over-55 Championship**

- The opening stage of this tournament will consist of north and south qualifying events. Players may enter whichever region they choose, regardless of their location.
- These qualifying events will generate a winner from each who will then contest the final at Finals Weekend.
- These qualifying events will initially be played in round robin groups (best of three frames) with qualification into a subsequent knockout phase (best of three frames).

### **6-Red Championship**

- The opening stage of this tournament will consist of north and south qualifying events. Players may enter whichever region they choose, regardless of their location.
- These qualifying events will generate a winner from each who will then contest the final at Finals Weekend.
- These qualifying events will initially be played in round robin groups (best of five frames) with qualification into a subsequent knockout phase (best of five frames).

An individual press release on the EPSB website has already been published regarding the new Under-14 Championship.

Details about this season's English Disability, Women's and Billiards Championships will be published at a later date, but all are scheduled to be played in the second half of the season (in 2020).

Please note, details regarding frame amounts, number of round robin groups and the number of qualifiers from them in certain events etc, will be released closer to their relevant events. The EPSB also has the right to change the schedule and format if they deem it beneficial or necessary for the tournament. Please note, we previously published that all national championships were straight knockout and qualification from certain events could be on a pro-rata basis, this is now not/may not be the case.

To enter any of the above events, please use the EPSB MemberZone on the EPSB website.

To view entry lists, please visit the WPBSA Tournament Manager system.