



ENGLISH PARTNERSHIP FOR
SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS

2019/2020 EPSB Tournament Information Pack

For membership and to enter competitions, please use the [EPSB MemberZone HERE](#) on the EPSB website under 'EPSB Login' in the top-right hand corner of the page. (If you have your EASB details for the system, please use these to log on).

To view up-to-date entry lists, please visit the [WPBSA Tournament Manager system HERE](#).

PLEASE NOTE – Due to the EPSB Admin Team currently requiring to manually input memberships and competition entries, please allow up to 24 hours for these to be processed / acknowledged. After 24 hours, if your membership / competition status has not been changed, please email us on either players@epsb.co.uk, competitions@epsb.co.uk or info@epsb.co.uk. Alternatively, you can contact us on either Facebook or Twitter.

Tournament Information and Formats

The format (number of players per group/number of frames per match) of each event will be down to the discretion of the appointed Tournament Director and often subject to entries, but below is a general overview of the format for each of this season's tournaments.

For all age-specific competitions, both national championships and tours, players must either be under or over the relevant age on the 31st December 2019.

All players must have a valid 2019/2020 EPSB Membership. All players must be aware of and adhere to the [2019/2020 EPSB Standard Conditions of Entry / Players Code of Conduct HERE](#).

Other areas such as dress code and disciplinary procedures can be found under the [‘Tournaments’ tab HERE](#) on the EPSB website.

The EPSB released a statement about competition changes for the 2019/2020 season. You can read that [HERE](#).

English Amateur Tour

- Our premier national amateur tour that is open to all
- Five tour events
- No limit on the number of entries, although the Tournament Director reserves the right to close entries should they feel that a ‘capacity’ has been reached due to logistics (to avoid disappointment, please secure your spot as soon as you can)
- Each tour event will be played over two days
- Straight knockout format – no seeding
- A ranking list will be updated after each event

Under-20 Regional Development Tour

- Open to all players aged under 20 (on the 31st December 2019) who have not been invited to play on the Under-21 Premier Development Tour
- The tour will be split into three regions – north, midlands and south. Each region will host five tour events (players may enter whichever region they wish, regardless of geographical location, however, only one entry per player and you must play in the same region’s events throughout the season)
- No limit on the number of entries
- Each tour event will be one day
- Round robin groups (not seeded) followed by qualification into a knockout phase
- Players will be awarded ranking points during the knockout phase
- Ranking lists will be updated after every event
- At the end of the season, a certain number of players will be promoted to the Under-21 Premier Development Tour. Due to this being dependent on several factors, we aim to publish qualification numbers prior to the final round of events.

Under-21 Premier Development Tour

- Entry to the tour is by qualification only – the players who have qualified and are eligible are: *Ryan Davies, Jed Mann, Hamim Hussain, Jack Harris, Callum Beresford, Luke Pinches, Sean Maddocks, Sean Mcallister, Lewis Ullah, Jenson Kendrick, Mark Lloyd, Mickey Joyce, Manasawin Phetmalaikul, Brandon Hall, Kayden Brierley, Lennard Cripps, Oliver Sykes, Harry Andrew Gosney, Aidan Murphy, Liam Pullen, Sam Dexter, Kaif Shazad, Lewis George Harper, Connor Benzey, Jamie Wilson, Marcos Dayao, Bradley Cowdroy, Joe Fenton, Isa Ishtiaq, Hayden Staniland, Paul Deaville and Alex Clenshaw.* (These players will all be aged Under-21 on the 31st December 2019)
- Five tour events
- Each tour event will be played over two days. Saturdays will comprise of players competing in round robin groups and Sundays will comprise of a separate knockout tournament:

ALL players will have snooker on both days (all will be entered into Sunday's knockout tournament).

The groups stage will not be seeded but the knockout stage will be; based upon on where the players finished during the previous day in the groups. The knockout draw brackets will be made available before each event, after entries have closed.

Ranking points will be awarded and accumulated for both days (although points are more weighted towards the knockout competition).

- A ranking list will be updated after each event
- At the end of the season, a certain number of players will be relegated to the Under-20 Regional Development Tour (if they are eligible to enter). Due to this being dependent on several factors, relegation numbers are likely to be published prior to the final round of events. Please note – if a player enters fewer than three U-21 Premier Development Tour events throughout the season, they will not be eligible to enter next season's equivalent, unless there are exceptional circumstances that are presented to the EPSB.

Seniors Tour

- Open to all players aged 40 or over (on the 31st of December 2019)
- Five tour events
- No limit on the amount of entries
- Each tour event will be played over two days. Saturdays will comprise of players competing in round robin groups and Sundays will comprise of a separate knockout tournament:

ALL players will have snooker on both days (all will be entered into Sunday's knockout tournament).

The groups stage will not be seeded but the knockout stage will be; dependent on where the players finished during the previous day in the groups. The knockout draw brackets will be made available before each event, after entries have closed.

Ranking points will be awarded and accumulated for both days (although points are more weighted towards the knockout competition).

- A ranking list will be updated after each event

Ranking Points

The EPSB ranking points schedule for the 2019/20 season is set out below:

Group Stages

1st place – 50 points

2nd place – 25 points

3rd place – 15 points

4th place – 10 points

Knockout

Winner – 100 points

Runner-up – 75 points

Semi-finalist – 50 points

Quarter-finalist – 35 points

Last 16 – 25 points

Last 32 – 15 points

National Championships

- English National Championships the EPSB will be running throughout the 2019/20 season are: English Amateur Championship, Under-14 Championship, Under-16 Championship, Under-18 Championship, Under-21 Championship, Seniors Championship, Over-55 Championship, 6-Red Championship, Women's Snooker Championship, Disability Snooker Championship, Billiards Championship. Please note – entry into age specific events will depend on eligibility as of 31st December 2019
- No limit on the amount of entries for any championship
- Each event will consist of different phases leading up to the 2019/20 EPSB Finals Weekend
- Events will initially consist of regional / area qualification
- Regardless of geographical location, players may enter whichever qualifying area they wish – although there is only one entry per player per event

English Under-14 Championship ([link to website article HERE](#))

Stage One

- Club-based qualifiers around the country during October and November
- Players aged under 14 on the 31st December 2019 can enter one event of their choice
- Entry must be made through the EPSB website
- A minimum of eight players must enter for an event to go ahead
- Two players will qualify for the next stage from each event
- Further players may be invited to the next stage at the discretion of the EPSB, based on total entries for a club event and number of club events in total

Stage Two

· Players qualifying from Stage One will take part in a North or South event (14th/15th December)

Stage Three

· Players qualifying from Stage Two will take part in a national last 16 event (16th May)

Stage Four

· Players qualifying from Stage Four will take part in a national final event (27th/28th June)

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.

English 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.

English 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).

English 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).

English 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).

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.

Prize Money

Please note, below are the guaranteed minimum amounts of prize money for each event:

English Under-14 Championship

Entry fee £5

Winner £250

Runner-up £125

Semi-finalist £70

English Under-16 Championship

Entry fee £10

Winner £300

Runner-up £150

Semi-finalist £75

English Under-18 Championship

Entry fee £20

Winner £300

Runner-up £150

Semi-finalist £75

English Under-21 Championship

Entry fee £5

Winner £300

Runner-up £150

Semi-finalist £75

English Seniors Championship (Over 40)

Entry fee £25

Winner £200

Runner-up £100

Semi-finalist £50

English Over-55 Championship

Entry fee £20

Winner £200

Runner-up £100

Semi-finalist £50

English 6-Red Championship

Entry fee £20

Winner £300

Runner-up £150

Semi-finalist £75

English Amateur Championship

Entry fee £25

Winner £1000

Runner-up £500

Semi-finalist £250

English Amateur Tour (per event)

Entry fee £50

Winner £750

Runner-up £400

Semi-finalist £200

Under-20 Regional Development Tour (per event)

Entry fee £20

Winner £100

Runner-up £50

Semi-finalist £25

Under-21 Premier Development Tour (per event)

Entry fee £30

Winner £250

Runner-up £125

Semi-finalist £70

Seniors Tour (per event)

Entry fee £30

Winner £250

Runner-up £125

Semi-finalist £70

Disclaimer regarding the listed prize money amounts – errors and omissions excepted

PLEASE NOTE - The Tournament Director and / or the EPSB has the right to change any of the above guidelines and / or formats should they feel it is necessary to do so, and / or is for the benefit of an event.

For our tournaments that involve a round robin format, in deciding progression / qualification and / or for seeding purposes and positions, we shall use the current European Billiards and Snooker Association round robin guidelines. You can view these [HERE](#).