



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](mailto:players@epsb.co.uk), [competitions@epsb.co.uk](mailto:competitions@epsb.co.uk) or [info@epsb.co.uk](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 that can be found under the ['Tournaments' tab HERE](#) on the EPSB website.

Other areas such as dress code and disciplinary procedures can also 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
- Ranking points will be awarded and accumulated for both the group phase and knockout phase (although points are more weighted towards 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.
- If a player qualifies outright for the following season's Under-21 Premier Development Tour, they will not be allowed to compete on the following season's Under-20 Regional Development Tour (unless they receive special dispensation for extenuating circumstances).

### **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 where the players finished during the previous day in the groups. The groups draw 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 phase).

- 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 completes 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.

**Important information regards this season’s Junior Play-Offs can be found via an article on our website [here](#).**

## **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; based upon where the players finished during the previous day in the groups. The groups draw 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, 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 (with the exception of the Women's and Billiards Championships).
- 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)

Both the North and South events will each feature 16 players. Each event will consist of four round robin groups of four players. All matches will be the best of three frames. The top two from each group will qualify for Stage Three.

Club qualifying event winners will be seeded. The remaining players will be drawn at random.

## Stage Three

- Players qualifying from Stage Two will take part in a national last 16 event where it will be seeded with the eight group winners from Stage Two. Remaining eight qualifiers drawn at random. Straight knock-out, best-of-5s. Play up to the final – finalists will go through to Finals Weekend.

## Stage Four

- Players qualifying from Stage Three will take part in a national final event (27th/28th June). This will be the best of nine frames.

## English Amateur Championship

- The opening stage will consist of five regional qualifying events. Players may enter whichever region they choose, regardless of their location. Four players from each region will qualify for the next stage.

- The Last 20 stage will be played in January 2020. This stage will be played up to the final. All matches at this stage will be the best of seven frames.
- The final will be played on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at The Centaur, Cheltenham Racecourse. The grand final will be the best of 13 frames and played over two sessions (first session = six frames, second session = conclusion)
- 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).
- When determining qualification places for the national last 16, where players don't qualify 'outright' through a knockout phase, the 'next best' qualifiers will be determined by their Frame Average in the preceding groups phase. Frame Average (FA) is  $\text{Frames Won (FW)} - \text{Frames Lost (FL)} / \text{Matches Played (MP)}$ .
- The national last 16 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. Qualifying event winners will be seeded in the national last 16. The formats for each are as follows:

U-16 – seeded with the three regional event winners. Remaining 13 qualifiers drawn at random. Straight knock-out best-of-5s. Play up to final – finalists go through to Finals Weekend.

U-18 – seeded with the three regional event winners. Remaining 13 qualifiers drawn at random. Straight knock-out best-of-7s. Play up to final – finalists go through to Finals Weekend.

U-21 – seeded with the three regional event winners. Remaining 13 qualifiers drawn at random. Straight knock-out best-of-7s. Play up to final – finalists go through to Finals Weekend.

- The finals will be played at Finals Weekend. The format for each are as follows:

The under-16 final will be the best of 11 frames

The under-18 and under-21 finals will be the best of 13 frames.

## **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).

### **English Women's Championship**

- This will be a two-day event played to a conclusion over a weekend.
- The event will initially be played in round robin groups with qualification into a subsequent knockout phase. (The length of all matches in the event will be determined closer to the time).

### **English Billiards Championship**

- This will be a two-day event played to a conclusion over a weekend.
- The event will be a timed format
- The event will initially be played in round robin groups with qualification into a subsequent knockout phase. (The length of all matches in the event will be determined closer to the time).

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

Quarter-finalist £35

Highest Break £50 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **English Under-16 Championship**

Entry fee £10

Winner £300

Runner-up £150

Semi-finalist £75

Quarter-finalist £40

Highest Break £50 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **English Under-18 Championship**

Entry fee £20

Winner £350

Runner-up £175

Semi-finalist £100

Quarter-finalist £50

Highest Break £50 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **English Under-21 Championship**

Entry fee £25

Winner £400

Runner-up £200

Semi-finalist £100

Quarter-finalist £50

Highest Break £75 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **English Seniors Championship (Over 40)**

Entry fee £25

Winner £300

Runner-up £150

Semi-finalist £75

Quarter-finalist £35

Highest Break £75 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **English Over-55 Championship**

Entry fee £20

Winner £200

Runner-up £100

Semi-finalist £50

Highest Break £50 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **English 6-Red Championship**

Entry fee £20

Winner £300

Runner-up £150

Semi-finalist £75

Quarter-finalist £30

Highest Break £40 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **English Women's Championship**

Entry fee £10

Winner £250

Runner-up £125

Semi-finalist £50

Highest Break £25 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **English Billiards Championship**

Entry fee £10

Winner £250

Runner-up £125

Semi-finalist £50

Highest Break £25 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **English Amateur Championship**

Entry fee £25

Winner £1000

Runner-up £500

Semi-finalist £250

Quarter-finalist £125

Highest Break £100 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **English Amateur Tour (per event)**

Entry fee £50

Winner £750

Runner-up £400

Semi-finalist £200

Quarter-finalist £75\* (\* from Event Two onwards)

Highest Break £50 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **Under-20 Regional Development Tour (per event)**

Entry fee £20

Winner £100

Runner-up £50

Semi-finalist £25

Highest Break £25 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **Under-21 Premier Development Tour (per event)**

Entry fee £30

Winner £250

Runner-up £125

Semi-finalist £70

Highest Break £50 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

### **Seniors Tour (per event)**

Entry fee £30

Winner £250

Runner-up £125

Semi-finalist £70

Highest Break £50 (Shared if equal high breaks are made. If a player makes the same high break more than once, each break will count towards an individual share of the prize)

Throughout the course of the season the EPSB are also offering a special prize should a player complete a 147 maximum break in any of our snooker events. Please see our press release regarding this [HERE](#).

**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](#).

**PLEASE NOTE** – Throughout the season several additions and amendments have been made. These include:

27<sup>th</sup> February – Under-21 PDT: the requirement to complete three or more events in order to be eligible for next season's tour. This has changed from entering three or more events.