



EPSB STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY (BILLIARDS)

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All events staged by the English Partnership for Snooker and Billiards (EPSB) are subject to the Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change at the discretion of the EPSB.

The full Terms can be found in the separate document at our website, **however, below are also specific terms applicable only to EPSB English Billiards events:**

Playing Rules: All EPSB Billiards events will be played to the rules of English Billiards as published by the WPBSA. The Baulk-line Crossing Rule will not be applied.

Tied Matches:

Group Stage - Tied matches in the group stage will be automatically recorded as a draw and the match points shared.

Knockout Stage - The players will restring for break but retain the same cue-ball. The match will re-commence from the starting position with the red on its spot and the player's cue ball in hand, with 15 minutes on the timer. If the match is again tied, play will continue from where the balls lie – first point scored wins, first foul loses.

Lateness: In the event of a player not being at the table ready to play a match at the stipulated start time, the following penalties will apply:

Late for start of match = 100 points conceded

15 minutes late = +100 points conceded

Each 5 minutes late thereafter = +50 points conceded

Match will be conceded after 30 minutes

Penalties are awarded at the next time marker. Thus, a player arriving 1 minute late

for a timed match starts 100 points behind but can begin just before 15 minutes late without incurring further penalty. Time lost by being late cannot be reclaimed.

All timed matches will start at the same time, but each table may have an individual clock which determines when that match ends. If each table is not provided with an individual clock, a central clock shall be used. In all cases, the referee may pause the clock specific to their match or add time at the end of the match if any situation dictates.

The late player automatically loses the string; options of breaking and which ball to use are therefore with the non-offending player.

If a timed group match is conceded in its entirety, the match score shall be treated in the same way as a Walkover in favour of the non-offender.

Match Concessions: Any player who concedes a match, having started that match, with the exception of concessions for medical reasons, may be subject to disciplinary action which may include forfeiture of all ranking points and prize money earned during that tournament. This also applies to individual games in a game-based match.

If a timed match is conceded after it has started, either the current score at the time of the concession will be recorded as the match score or, alternatively, the match score may be treated in the same way as a walkover in favour of the non-offender. The Tournament Director shall have complete discretion in this situation in the interests of fairness.

Although the rules of the game do permit concessions, with the agreement of the opponent, it is not in the spirit of the game. Conceding a match interferes with points differentials during the group stage and affects the amount of table time a player has. It is disrespectful to players, sponsors, spectators and organisers.

Group Placings: In time-based tournaments, group placings are decided in the following order:

1. Match Wins
2. Head-to-head
3. Average points difference
4. Seed at start of tournament
5. Coin toss

Knockout Stage Draws: From each group, qualifiers will be promoted to the knockout stages, the number of which depends on the number of groups and size of knockout rounds. The knockout draw shall be seeded as per the WBL system [here](#).

Please ensure that you have read and understand the terms and conditions of entry, rules and regulations of the EPSB.