EPSB STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2.5

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All events staged by the English Partnership for Snooker and Billiards (EPSB) are subject to the following Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change at the discretion of the EPSB. **Please be reminded that all players are responsible for keeping EPSB up to date with their current email address.**

WPBSA Members Rules and Disciplinary Rules

All Players: From the date of entry to any EPSB event until 28 days after the conclusion of the event all players entering EPSB events are bound by the WPBSA Conduct Regulations,

Please note that the sections of the Conduct Regulations that **will not apply** to EPSB Events are: 1.10 of Part 1 Members Rules (Alcohol) and 2.1.1 Betting Section 2 Members Rules Betting Rules (Betting on snooker).

Entry Criteria & Eligibility: Players must have a valid membership for the current season to enter and compete in national EPSB events, unless otherwise stated.

Current WST professionals are not eligible to become a member, or enter and compete in EPSB events during the same season.

Any player who is currently serving a ban issued by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) is not eligible to enter and compete in EPSB competitions until the ban is fully served.

If required, players may be required to provide recognised proof of age at any time before or after an EPSB competition.

The EPSB has adopted the relevant age cut-off dates decided by the European Billiards and Snooker Association for agree restricted competitions. Juniors must meet the age requirement as of 31 August 2027 senior players must meet the age requirement on the first day of the relevant competition.

EPSB Membership:

To be eligible for EPSB membership, players must be of English nationality (e.g., born in England), or have been continuously resident in England for at least three years.

Any player who has represented another country in international competition in the previous three years is not eligible to represent England internationally, with the exception of professional WST events.

The EPSB reserves the right to waive these requirements in exceptional circumstances subject to the approval of the EPSB Board. The criteria for this can be viewed HERE.

English nationals living outside of England may be considered for membership at the discretion of the Board.

The EPSB reserves the right to decline individual membership where appropriate.

Closing dates / Entry fees / Entry request: Entry fees (cleared funds) must be received together with a completed entry via

WPBSA SnookerScores must be received by the entry deadline for entry to be accepted. Entry deadlines will be listed on both the EPSB website and the tournament page at WPBSA SnookerScores, but will generally be 12pm on the penultimate Friday before the event.

Late entries may be accepted after the closing date at the discretion of the EPSB. Entry fees are non-refundable following the event entry deadline, except for exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the EPSB.

If necessary, the EPSB reserves the right to extend entry deadlines, or limit entries for an event.

Prize Money: Prize money for relevant events is listed on our website under the 'Tournaments' tab. The EPSB aims to pay prize money within 14 days after the conclusion of a competition subject to the person's bank and payment details being on file.

Please note: Disclaimer regarding any published prize money amounts – errors and omissions excepted.

Draw & Format: Players will be advised by email following the close of entries as to when the draw and format will be issued.

For our snooker tournaments that involve a round robin format the current European Billiards and Snooker Association round robin guidelines will be used to determine progression and seeding. You can view these HERE.

For these tournaments the top two qualifiers in each group will qualify for the knockout rounds unless otherwise stated.

Where a tiebreaker is required, this will take the form of a black-ball playoff (best of 3) between the tied players, in line with recognised World Snooker Federation protocol. Should there not be a clear outcome, the process will be repeated (best of 1) until the winner/s are found.

If appropriate, the EPSB reserves the right to modify these criteria where necessary.

Dress Code: The dress code for each event is listed at the relevant page at the Tournaments section of our website. The four 'levels' of dress code are detailed within our current Dress Code policy which can be found here.

Practice: Practice facilities will not normally be available before a competition commences. Players may only practice with the agreement of the Tournament Director.

Mobile Phones/Electronic Communication Devices/Smartwatches: Players are NOT permitted to use any mobile phones or other electronic communication devices during the course of a match, unless during permitted breaks of at least 15 minutes. Any player seen in breach of this by any EPSB tournament official or referee will be reported to the Tournament Director and will be dealt with by the Tournament Director on conclusion of the match. The Tournament Director will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating circumstances. The only available sanction in this case to be at the discretion of the Tournament Director MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Director's decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances.

Smoking/E-cigarettes: Players are NOT permitted to smoke or use e-cigarettes during the course of a match, unless during permitted breaks of at least 15 minutes. Any player seen in breach of this by any EPSB tournament official or referee will be reported to the Tournament Director and will be dealt with by the Tournament Director on

conclusion of the match. The Tournament Director will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating circumstances. The only available sanction in this case to be at the discretion of the Tournament Director MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Director's decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances.

Coaching: Coaching is not permitted during play. For the avoidance of doubt this includes between frames during the current session, unless during permitted breaks of at least 15 minutes. Any player seen in breach of this by any EPSB tournament official or referee will be reported to the Tournament Director and will be dealt with by the Tournament Director on conclusion of the match. The Tournament Director will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating circumstances. The only available sanction in this case to be at the discretion of the Tournament Director MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Director's decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances.

Grievances:

a. Should the Player wish to make any criticism or complaint or raise any grievance in respect of any matter relating to the EPSB or its employees or directors, a Referee, Tournament, Director, Equipment, any of the Partners or any of the Venues at any time then the Player shall do so by:

- i. Contacting the Referee for those complaints relating to Equipment or other item which affects the Player's ability to play snooker during a Match.
- ii. Contacting the Tournament Director for those complaints arising during an EPSB Event.
- iii. Contacting a board member in writing for any other complaint or grievance.

Any player found to have made public any grievance outside of the above options shall be reported to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating circumstances. At the discretion of the Tournament Director sanction MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee and/or referral to the EPSB Board.

Social Media: Any player found to be bringing the EPSB into disrepute via comments on social networking sites or other media outlets may be subject to disciplinary action. Please refer to the WPBSA Conduct Regulations for further information.

EPSB Disciplinary Procedure: Any breach of these terms and conditions reported by the Tournament Director or any other party, are a breach of Rule 1.5 of the WPBSA Conduct Regulations Part 1. The EPSB Disciplinary Procedure can be found here.

Should a disciplinary matter arise during an event, the Tournament Director may seek advice and/or guidance from an EPSB Board Member.

International Events: Any player selected to represent England at an external international event is to conduct themselves to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity and respect. Any player who takes possession of a perpetual trophy assumes full responsibility for its safekeeping and return on request from the organisers. The EPSB bears no responsibility for any loss or damage, or any cost to return the trophies.

Roaming Referees: If a dispute arises in a match where there is no match referee, either player has the right to call upon a

roaming referee. In the event of there not being a roaming referee either player has the right to call upon the senior referee. If neither available, either player may call the Tournament Director.

Lateness: Where a player arrives late for their scheduled match time, a frame will be docked at the scheduled start time. A second frame will be docked fifteen minutes later and then after every five minutes until the match is over. Regardless of the scheduled length of the match, once a player has been docked five frames the match is over.

(For ESPB Billiards events specifics, please see the billiards section at the end of this document)

Practice: Practice facilities will not normally be available before a competition commences. Players may only practice on the agreement of the Tournament Director.

Rankings: Should players be tied on equal ranking points, positions will be determined by countback, i.e. the most ranking points gained* working backwards from the most recent (in terms of date/time) event on that tour. For the purposes of count back, competing in an event and losing is treated as a better performance than not entering or competing in an event. If this is still equal, most frames won (or points accumulated, for Billiards matches) in the losing final match would be used from events working backwards from the most recent event on that tour.

*if the event consists of a format where ranking points can be gained from more than one phase, the total amount of points accumulated from the whole event will count.

Should a player not complete an event, ranking points will not be awarded unless extreme mitigating circumstances can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the EPSB.

Non-completion: Players must complete all of their scheduled matches at events (including EPSB Open Series) unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you do not complete your matches this will be considered a breach of the Event Conditions and MAY be subject to the WPBSA Disciplinary Rules. Players who do not complete all of their scheduled matches will forfeit any prize money and ranking points otherwise earned at the event.

International Selection: The current criteria for international selection can be accessed at the EPSB website.

Alcohol / Drugs: Any player who is considered to have consumed too much alcohol prior to a game commencing, or otherwise deemed to be unfit, may be disqualified by the Tournament Director. Alcohol will not be permitted at the tables for players at any EPSB event, nor will a player be allowed to drink alcohol away from the table during a match in between frames, unless there is a designated interval as agreed by the Tournament Director. Should a player break these rules, they risk losing frames, matches and even face disqualification as issued by the Tournament Director.

Logos: Players are permitted to wear up to four logos, to cover an area no greater than 6 square inches (38.7 square cm). The EPSB reserves the right to apply brand exclusion on an event-by-event basis. This will be made clear by the EPSB in a timely fashion for each relevant tournament where applicable. The EPSB reserves the right to hold one logo place back for an event title sponsor or EPSB partner, players to be notified in advance.

Event Communication: All communication regarding EPSB competitions, or

international competitions, is to be made by email unless otherwise stated. It is the responsibility of player or official to check and respond to these emails if necessary.

Cancellation/Relocation/Postponement: If a competition is cancelled, entry fees will be refunded to the player. If a competition is relocated or postponed, it will be the player's decision whether they wish to have a refund on their entry, or not.

All event dates are provisional and subjected to change, possibly at short notice. The EPSB will not be responsible for any expenses incurred.

Arrival time: At national tournaments where the draws are conducted on the day, players must have signed in with the Tournament Director no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time (typically 9:30am unless otherwise stated). Should players not do so, they will not be included in the draw and no refunds will be offered, unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated. This does not apply to Open Series competitions.

Non-attendance: In the event that you cannot appear at a tournament that you have entered you must inform the EPSB (either the Tournament Director or info@epsb.co.uk) as soon as possible as this will impact upon the draw. If you do not inform us this will be considered a breach of the event conditions and may be subject to the EPSB Disciplinary Rules, with potential sanctions to include suspension from future events.

Publishing Names: The EPSB has the right to publish the names of players and referees involved with the EPSB and our events via several platforms. This may include the WPBSA SnookerScores website, our website, our social media channels and through other relevant and suitable usages. This is a condition of EPSB membership and tournament entry / participation. Should this be an issue for a player, please contact us via email on info@epsb.co.uk.

Photo/Video Consent: There are likely to be photographs and videos taken at EPSB events. The EPSB may use such images for promotional material both at current and future events and promotions across several media platforms.

Child Protection: The EPSB will be following and implementing the EPSB Child Protection and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy that can be viewed alongside our other policies HERE. Should anyone have any Child Protection issues, please contact the EPSB immediately. If an issue occurs at an EPSB event, please consult with an official immediately. In an emergency contact 999.

Data Use: The EPSB will use the information you provide on your membership/event entry to contact you and provide updates e.g., email newsletters. You can unsubscribe at any time. View our Privacy Policy online.

How We Disclose Personal Information: In certain circumstances, we may disclose your personal information to third parties for contract/order fulfilment purposes, legitimate purposes. Such circumstances may include:

- With vendors or other third parties who perform services on our behalf (e.g., IT management, payment processing, data analytics, customer support, cloud storage, retail services, fulfillment and shipping).
- With business and marketing partners to provide services and advertise to you. Our business and marketing partners will use your

information in accordance with their own privacy notices.

- When you direct, request us or otherwise consent to our disclosure of certain information to third parties, such as to ship you products or through your use of social media widgets or login integrations, with your consent.
- With our affiliates or otherwise within our corporate group, in our legitimate interests to run a successful business.

Presentations: Prize winners must be available to attend medal/trophy presentations if required by the EPSB, unless explicitly permitted not to by the

Eligibility Policy: The EPSB and its events operate in accordance with the WPBSA Eligibility Policy and Rules for Open and Women's Tournaments. Please note any breach of this policy and rules will be treated as misconduct.

Refusal to play: Should a player refuse to play a match for any reason, this will be considered a breach of the Event Conditions and MAY be subject to the WPBSA disciplinary process. Any such player will be withdrawn from the whole event immediately and will forfeit any prize money and ranking points otherwise earned at the event. For the avoidance of doubt, this will include all individual tournaments included within an event.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy: All members are expected to respect, act in accordance with and support EPSB Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy. The full policy can be accessed HERE.

Members Rules: Please note that from the date of entry to any EPSB event until 28 days after the conclusion of the event all players are bound by the WPBSA Conduct Regulations and the EPSB Disciplinary Procedure.

EPSB Open Series: The EPSB Open Series is be run under the guidance of the EPSB. These events are open to all and players do not need to be EPSB members in order to enter them. However, the EPSB expects all competing players to adhere to EPSB terms, conditions and standards of conduct as documented in these Standard Conditions of Entry and on the EPSB website.

Billiards: Additional rules can be found within the document 'Standard Conditions of Entry (Billiards)' at our website.

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