



ENGLISH PARTNERSHIP FOR
SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS

EPSB Standard Conditions of Entry – 2019/2020

All competitions in the 2019/20 English Partnership for Snooker and Billiards (EPSB) season are subject to the following Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change and amendments at the discretion of the EPSB. Any such changes will be advertised on our website and/or distributed via email and/or social media. In the event of disputes or any other matters arising, the decision of the EPSB shall be final and binding.

Please be reminded that all players are responsible for keeping the EPSB up to date with their current email address.

1) Entry Criteria & Eligibility: EPSB membership and entry into EPSB events are open to those of English nationality, or who have currently been a resident in England for one year or more, and must not have been selected in another country's competitions or represented another country in international competition in the previous two years. These requirements may be waived subject to consideration of individual circumstances subject to acceptable proof of ongoing residency. Players must have a valid 2019/2020 EPSB membership in order to enter and compete in EPSB competitions. Players currently in possession of a professional World Snooker Tour card are not eligible to enter EPSB competitions. Please note, EPSB membership is subject to board approval.

Any player who is currently serving a ban issued by World Snooker, the European Billiards and Snooker Association (EBSA) or the World Snooker Federation (WSF) will not be eligible for EPSB membership and entry into EPSB competitions until the ban is fully served.

All players may be required to provide proof of age (copies of birth certificate, passport driving licence, etc are acceptable) at any time before or after an EPSB competition.

All matches will be played at venues where women are allowed in the snooker arena as players, officials and/or spectators.

2) Closing dates / Entry fees / Entry request: The closing date for entries and the necessary entry fees (cleared funds) into 2019/2020 EPSB competitions will be by the end of the final Sunday before a competition begins. Late entries may be accepted after a 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).

The EPSB will accept no responsibility for incomplete entries which cannot be verified on receipt by the office. It is the website user's responsibility to ensure all details are correctly completed. It is strongly advised that copies of entry confirmation and/or payment details are retained by the sender until entry is confirmed.

Although every effort will be made by the EPSB to resolve incomplete entries, it will be the responsibility of the player to ensure that his or her entry is correctly completed and received by the due date. Entries with problems still outstanding at the time of the draw will be excluded and any money paid will be returned.

Should a player request to play a Saturday or Sunday only on a tournament weekend, the EPSB will make consideration, subject to the request being made seven days before the tournament begins.

3) Prize Money: Prize money for each event is listed on the 'EPSB Tournament Information' statement under the 'Tournaments' tab located on the EPSB website. The EPSB aims to pay prize money within 7 days after the conclusion of a competition subject to the person's bank and payment details being on file.

4) Draw & Format: The EPSB aims to make and publish all competition draws within 48 hours after a competition's closing date (this can change, subject to the EPSB Tournament Director's discretion). Should this not happen, the draw will be released as soon as possible. Please note, modifications to the advertised format of play may be applied where appropriate by either the EPSB and/or the Tournament Director.

In order to cover unforeseen circumstances, dates and/or venues may be subject to change, possibly at short notice, and at the discretion of the EPSB. The EPSB will not be responsible for any expenses incurred.

In tournaments played on a round robin format, these events will comply with current EBSA round robin playing formats.

5) Dress Code: The EPSB have released an individual statement regarding 2019/20 Dress Code. This is located under the 'Tournaments' tab on the EPSB website.

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

7) Mobile Phones/Electronic Communication Devices: 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.

8) 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.

9) 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.

10) 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.

11) 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 EPSB Members Rules/Players Code of Conduct towards the end of this document for further information.

12) EPSB Disciplinary Procedure: In the event of any breach of these terms and conditions reported by the Tournament Director or any other party the EPSB Disciplinary Rules (available on the EPSB website under the 'Tournaments' tab) shall apply.

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

13) 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.

14) Lateness: Where a player arrives late for their scheduled start time, the player in question will forfeit a frame. If they are still not ready 15 minutes after their start time, the player in question will forfeit a second frame. If they are still not ready 30 minutes after their start time, the player in question will forfeit the match, regardless of the scheduled length of the match.

In the case of billiards, where a player arrives late for their scheduled start time, the player in question will forfeit 50 points. If they are still not ready 15 minutes after their start time, the player in question will forfeit another 50 points. If they are still not ready 30 minutes after their start time, the player in question will forfeit the match, regardless of the scheduled length of the match.

This lateness policy is subject to the Tournament Director's discretion. If discretion is used, the Tournament Director must document any decision made.

15) Rankings: Where the EPSB form ranking lists for their tours, should players be tied on equal ranking points, positions will be determined by the most ranking points gained* working backwards from the most recent event on that tour. If this is still equal, most frames won 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.)

In the unlikely event that players can still not be separated, if the EPSB deem it necessary to determine individual ranking places for the players involved instead of giving them a shared/equal ranking, they will decide how to separate players at the time – this may involve a play-off taking place.

For a player to obtain ranking points from a certain event, the player must be present at the event and complete a full day's play in order to receive ranking points. Should there be personal or medical circumstances where a player withdraws or pulls out from an event, the EPSB may award the player ranking points, although this will be determined on an individual basis.

16) International Selection: Where a player qualifies for an international event via more than one qualification avenue, EPSB national championships will take preference in determining which avenue they have qualified from.

17) 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.

Competitors are warned that drug testing may take place during competitions. Advice on banned substances is available from the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) website under 'Governance' and then 'Members Rules and Regulations' or [HERE](#).

18) 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.

19) 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.

20) Non-attendance: In the event that you cannot appear at a tournament that you have entered you must inform the EPSB 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.

If a player withdraws after a draw has been made or fails to complete a match or an event without a legitimate reason, the player in question will incur a suspension for the next EPSB event that they are eligible to enter.

If a player withdraws after a draw has been made or fails to complete a match or an event without a legitimate reason more than once, the EPSB Board may deem it necessary to issue a stronger punishment against the player in question.

Evidence for withdrawal from an event may be required by the EPSB.

21) Publishing Names: Please be aware that 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 Tournament Management system (snookerscores.net), our website, our social media channels and through other relevant and suitable usages. This is a condition of EPSB membership and tournament entry / participation.

22) 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 the current and future events and promotions across several media platforms. Should this be an issue for a player, official and/or spectator present at EPSB competitions, please contact us on email at either info@epsb.co.uk, players@epsb.co.uk or competitions@epsb.co.uk.

23) Child Protection: The EPSB will be following and implementing the WPBSA's Child Protection Policy that can be viewed [HERE](#) or on the WPBSA website under 'Governance' and then 'Members Rules and Regulations'. 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.

24) Data Use: The EPSB will use the information you provide on your event entry to contact you and provide updates e.g. email newsletters. You can unsubscribe at any time. View our [Privacy Policy](#) online.

25) Please note that from the date of entry to any EPSB event until 7 days after the conclusion of the event all players are bound by the EPSB Members Rules/Players Code of Conduct (listed below) and the EPSB Disciplinary Procedure.

The General Obligations under the EPSB Members Rules/Players Code of Conduct are:

1.1 Members shall, at all times (i.e. whether at a Tournament or not), behave in a proper and correct manner consistent with their status as an aspiring amateur player.

1.2 Members shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person on the grounds of disability, their religion, race, colour or national or ethnic origin, sex or sexual orientation.

1.3 A Member shall not make or cause to be made any statement or commit or cause to be committed any act which in the reasonable view of the EPSB is likely to bring into disrepute the games of snooker and/or billiards.

1.4 Each Member shall participate in all snooker and billiards matches, tournaments and tours in a fair and sporting manner and shall co-operate with the EPSB to promote and develop the sports of snooker and billiards.

1.5 Members must comply with the entry terms and conditions of each Tournament in which they have entered.

1.6 Members will comply with and act in accordance with all reasonable instruction of the Tournament Director or any other Tournament Official.

1.7 Each member shall perform and compete to the best of their ability in each tournament in which they compete.

1.8 Members are responsible for their guests at events. The member may be held accountable for the guest's behaviour regardless of whether the member is with the guest at the time of any inappropriate behaviour by the guest.

1.9 The board may from time to time supplement, amend or vary these rules. Such changes shall be deemed to be effective and binding on each member as from the date of publication of the changes.

Please note, we expect the above rules to apply to all our members who are competing in international events. Not only are you representing yourself at these competitions, but the EPSB and your country.

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

Please note, throughout the season several amendments and additions may be made to the Standard Conditions of Entry. These include:

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