



2023 WORLD BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

In association with the Landywood Snooker Club

Dear National Governing Bodies,

On behalf of World Billiards (WBL) and the World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association (WPBSA), we have the pleasure of inviting you to send your players to participate in the **2023 World Billiards Championship**, to be played at the Landywood Snooker Club near Birmingham in England from **Monday 16th – Thursday 19th October 2023**. This is preceded by the **Landywood English Open** to be played from **Saturday 14th – Sunday 15th October**. Both events will be played under the timed match format.

Please contact chris.coumbe@world-billiards.com for details of the entry procedure for the above events.

Each country is allowed to nominate up to 8 players, plus 1 junior plus 1 woman, for the World Championship. Any number of players can be nominated for the Landywood English Open.

Nomination of players is subject to the entry limits not being exceeded for both events. Entries to the World Championship are being capped at a maximum of 50 players. The Landywood English Open is capped at 60 players. NGB's are advised to ensure their players are registered without delay.

The entry fee is GBP £90.00 per player for the World Championship and GBP £50.00 for the Landywood English Open. If we do not receive a completed entry and full payment of applicable entry fees by the closing dates your players will not be included in the draw under any circumstances. Players will only appear on the entry list as a confirmed entry once payment has been received.

The entry deadline for NGB nominations is Saturday 16th September at 1 pm (UK time). However, to assist planning, a response at your earliest convenience would be greatly appreciated.

All details including results will be published on www.world-billiards.com. Some matches will be broadcast live over YouTube and social media.

Please ensure that your players are aware of all the terms and conditions of entry contained within this document.

Yours Sincerely

Jason Colebrook
Managing Director
World Billiards Ltd.

Yours Sincerely

Frank Bradley
Tournament Controller
World Billiards Ltd.

Yours Sincerely

Jason Ferguson
Chairman
WPBSA

TOURNAMENT RULES/TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY


TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Host city: Great Wyrley, Walsall, England
 Dates: World Billiards Championship: 16th – 19th October 2023
 Landywood English Open: 14th – 15th October 2023
 Host Associations: World Billiards | WPBSA

CONTACTS

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VENUE INFORMATION

Venue address: Landywood Snooker Club, Holly Lane, Great Wyrley, Walsall, WS6 6AJ
 Tel no: +44(0)1922 701147
 Email address: landywoodsnookerclub@gmail.com
 Website Address: <https://www.facebook.com/LandywoodSnookerClub/>
 Tables: 12 tables (including 4 Star match tables), all recovered prior to the event
 Balls: [Aramith](#) Tournament Champion Pro-Cup 
 Lighting: Modern lighting on all tables
 Scoring system: Slider scoreboards / digital on the streaming table
 Air Conditioning: Yes
 Floor covering: Carpet
 Refreshments: Hot & cold food and drink served on-site
 Seating / spectators: Yes
 Car Parking: Parking is available outside the venue

CURRENCY

Local currency is British pound sterling.

ACCOMMODATION

Players may choose to stay at accommodation of their choice. Some options are listed below. Alternatively, players may wish to use Airbnb to find local properties. Nearby to the Landywood area is Wolverhampton, Walsall, and Cannock.

Hotel	Website	Approx. distance to venue
Premier Inn Cannock (Orbital)	https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/home.html	2.3 miles
Holiday Inn Birmingham North-Cannock	https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/cannock/bhxnc/hoteldetail	2.4 miles
Premier Inn Cannock (South)	https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/home.html	3.5 miles



Days Inn – <i>please note this is on the M6 toll road, approx. fee £12 per day</i>	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/en-uk/days-inn/staffordshire-united-kingdom/days-inn-cannock-norton-canes-m6-toll/overview?CID=LC:DI::GGL:RIO:National:40511&iata=00093796	4.7 miles
Premier Inn Walsall Town Centre	https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/home.html	5.1 miles
The Barns	https://www.thebarnshotel.co.uk	5.4 miles
Mercure Barons Court Hotel	https://www.baronscourt-hotel.co.uk	5.5 miles
Metro Inn, Walsall	https://www.metroinnwalsall.co.uk	7 miles (direct road)
Redwings Lodge Wolverhampton	https://www.redwingslodge.co.uk/birmingham-wolverhampton	7 miles
Novotel Wolverhampton Centre	https://www.booking.com/hotel/gb/novotelwolverhampton.en-gb.html	7.5 miles
The Larches	https://the-larches-wolverhampton.hotelmix.co.uk	7.9 miles

TRAVEL

Nearest international airport: Birmingham Airport
<https://www.birminghamairport.co.uk/>

Birmingham International Railway Station is easily accessible from the airport via the 'Air-Rail Link' monorail system. The free Air-Rail Link takes two minutes to get to the station and operates between 03:30 and 00:30 hours daily. Outside of these hours, the station can be reached by taxi or by walking from the terminal.

Direct trains operate from Birmingham International to Landywood Station, approx. travel time is just over 1 hour. To book tickets, visit Trainline: <https://www.thetrainline.com>. Landywood Station is less than a mile from the venue.

Taxi: approximate taxi cost from Birmingham Airport to Landywood is £60 – 75 and approximate journey time is 30 minutes, subject to traffic conditions.

Birmingham Airport also has a large selection of car hire firms, please visit their website for details.

VISAS

Visas are required by many countries; all non-UK passport holders are advised to check entry requirements with the relevant embassy in their country. Visa invitation letters can be requested by emailing chris.coumbe@world-billiards.com which must include a legible photo of the details page of a current passport. Requests for visa invitation letters must be submitted as soon as possible. We aim to respond to all requests within 48 hours.



SEEDING FOR GROUP DRAW

Seeding for both events will be based on the WBL World Rankings as of the date entries close.

RANKINGS

The World Championship is a Level 6 World Ranking Event with triple ranking points.

The Landywood English Open is a Level 3 World Ranking Event with standard ranking points.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for the World Championship is GBP £90 per player.

The entry fee for the Landywood English Open is GBP £50 per player and is open to all, entries can be made by players via the website.

PLAYER REFEREEING DUTIES

In both events, players will be required to referee one group stage match to support our team of officials.

WITHDRAWALS

In the event of a withdrawal after the entry deadline there will be no refund of entry fees. Players withdrawing after the entry deadline without valid reason or not completing matches will be referred to the WPBSA disciplinary committee.

PLAYING FORMAT & STRUCTURE

The Landywood English Open playing format will be timed matches. The structure of the event and session times will depend on the number of entries but will have round robin groups followed by a knockout stage. We intend to run a Challenge Cup for players who do not reach the knockout stage of the main event.

The World Championship playing format will also be timed. The structure of the event will depend on the number of entries but will have round robin groups followed by a knockout stage.

PRACTICE

Practice will be available in the days leading up to the tournaments at the club's hourly rate.

PRIZE MONEY

The total prize fund for the World Championship is broken down as follows:

Winner	£5,000
Runner Up	£2,500
Semi Finalists	£1,250
Quarter Finalists	£625
Last 16	£250
High Break	£1PerPoint*
TOTAL	£15,000 (*estimating £500 for high break)

The total prize fund for the Landywood English Open is broken down as follows:

Winner	£700
Runner Up	£350
Semi Finalists	£175
Quarter Finalists	£90



Last 16	£55
Last 24 (if req.)	£30
High Break	£50

Challenge Cup Winner	£90
Runner Up	£40
Semi Finalists	£20
High Break	£20

TOTAL **£2,680**

A levy of 2.5% will be deducted at source from all prize money payments for WPBSA Governance.

All prize money will be paid within 2 weeks of the completion of the World Championship. Players with UK bank accounts will be paid by bank transfer; players without a UK bank account will be paid into their bank or PayPal account. For anyone who has neither, arrangements will be made – please contact us.

GOVERNANCE

Players entering any of the events associated with this World Championship will be subject to World Billiards Limited's Terms and Conditions and WPBSA governance as detailed below.

- [WBL Terms and Conditions](#)
- [WPBSA Conduct Regulations](#)
- [WPBSA Anti-Doping Rules](#)
- [WPBSA Child Protection Policy](#)
- [WPBSA Social Media Guidelines](#)

Any breaches of these rules may be referred to the WPBSA disciplinary committee and reported to the National Governing Body of the player concerned. Where the behaviour of a player or official at an event breaches the tournament rules, the Tournament Controller may instruct the person to immediately vacate the premises and may advise the person when and if they might return. The Tournament Controller's decision will have immediate effect. In such circumstances the player will be referred to the WPBSA for consideration as to any disciplinary action.

In addition to the above – World Billiards Limited is a private company, and we have the right to reject entries from players who fail to adhere to the rules and codes of conduct.

PLAYING RULES

All events will be played to the rules of English Billiards as published by the [WPBSA](#) (which are available to download [here](#)). The Bauk-line Crossing Rule will be applied in the World Championship but not the Landywood English Open.



FURTHER INFORMATION

OFFICIALS ACCOMMODATION & DAILY FOOD ALLOWANCE

Accommodation will be supplied on a twin share basis for all officials with bed & breakfast and one other meal per day, in addition to a daily payment. Please see the International Call for Referees on the website for more info.

SCHEDULE

Sat	16th	September	World Championship – deadline for NGB entries
Sat	30th	September	Final deadline for entry to both competitions
Sat	14th	October	Landywood English Open (Group Stages)
Sun	15th	October	Landywood English Open (Final stages and Presentations)
Mon	16th	October	World Championship (Group Stages)
Tue	17th	October	World Championship (Group Stages, L24, L16)
Wed	18th	October	World Championship (Quarters, Semis)
Thu	19th	October	World Championship (Final and Presentations)

Schedule may be subject to change depending on entry numbers

