

2015 LITetask WORLD BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

In association with the Northern Snooker Centre, Leeds, England

Dear National Governing Bodies,

On behalf of World Billiards Limited and the English Association of Snooker & Billiards, I have the pleasure of inviting you to send your players to participate in the 2015 World Billiards Championship from 19th –28th October 2015.

There will be two formats of World Championship: 150-Up and Long-Up.

For the second time this year we are also combining with the World Ladies Billiards & Snooker Association to organise the 18th WLBSA World Ladies Billiards Championship.

Please contact phil.mumford@world-billiards.com for details of how to enter your players for the World Championship on the World Billiards website.

The system will not accept entries after **Sunday 4th October** and will not accept incomplete entries.

Each country is allowed to nominate 4 players + 1 junior + 1 lady in to each of the two formats of World Championship, plus up to 4 players in to the Ladies only event. An entry fee of GBP£100.00 (USD\$160) per player must be paid to World Billiards Ltd and will cover entry to both formats. An entry fee of GBP£30 per player will cover entry in to the Ladies event. Once you have entered your players on the website you will be sent an invoice for the total amount which must be paid in full by **Sunday 11th October** to World Billiards Ltd. We will not be accepting late entries or late payments of entry fees. 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. Please note that we must receive the full amount of entry fees for each player and any bank charges must be borne by the NGB. Entry fees which come in short will not be accepted.

There will be a players and referees meeting at 7.30pm on Sunday 18th October (following the final of the Jim Williamson Memorial event); the opening ceremony will commence immediately afterwards upstairs in the Stateside Pool Lounge. Matches will start on Monday 19th October at 10:00am.

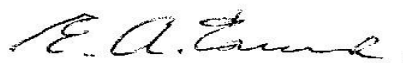
The draw, calendar of events and live results will be published on www.world-billiards.com. Efforts will also be made to broadcast matches live over these web sites.

Yours Sincerely



Phil Mumford
Managing Director
World Billiards Ltd

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Eugene O'Connor
Tournament Controller
World Billiards Ltd

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Jason Ferguson
Chairman
WPBSA

Attached:

- Visa Requirements Form
- Jim Williamson Memorial 'World Open' Entry Pack


TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Host city: Leeds, England
 Dates: 19th October 2015 – 28th October 2015
 Host Associations: World Billiards Ltd | English Association of Snooker & Billiards (EASB)

ASSOCIATION CONTACTS

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VENUE INFORMATION

Venue address: Northern Snooker Centre, 92 Kirkstall Road, Leeds, LS3 1LT. England.
 Tel no: +44 (0) 113 2433015
 Fax no: +44 (0) 113 2250098
 Email address: northernsnooker@btconnect.com
 Website Address: www.northernsnookercentre.co.uk
 No. of match tables: 12
 No. of practice tables: 2
 Tables: Steel block. Not heated.
 Cloth: [Strachan](#) 6811 Tournament 30oz
 Balls: [Aramith](#) Tournament Champion Pro-Cup 
 Lighting: Fluorescent (TV style) on all tables.
 Scoring system: Electronic
 Air Conditioning: Yes
 Floor covering: Carpet
 Seating / spectators: 100
 Travel: The venue is adjacent to the hotel.

ACCOMMODATION

It is a condition of entry that all competitors requiring accommodation stay in the officially appointed hotel. Unlike in previous years all accommodation must be booked by competitors/NGB's direct with the hotel. See [here](#) for link and details of how to book accommodation.

Championship Hotel: Holiday Inn Express
 Address: Cavendish Street, Kirkstall Road, Leeds, LS3 1LY
 Tel. no.: +44 (0) 113 242 6200
 Fax. no.: +44 (0) 113 242 6300
 Website: www.expressleeds.co.uk

Single/Double/Twin room rate = £60 GBP (including breakfast & taxes).

Please note that the hotel will only be holding rooms for us at this rate until **Monday 28th September**.

OFFICIALS ACCOMMODATION & DAILY FOOD ALLOWANCE

Accommodation will be supplied on a twin share basis for all officials with bed & breakfast. One extra meal allowance will be offered to all invited referees.



TRAVEL

Nearest international airport: Leeds Bradford International Airport (LBA)

www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk

Travel from airport to hotel (approx 12km)	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost (1 way)</u>
Taxi:	25min	£16-£18 GBP

To book train travel in the UK see: www.thetrainline.com

To book coach travel in the UK see: www.nationalexpress.com

VISAS

Visas are required by many countries; all non-UK passport holders are advised to check with the relevant embassy in their country. Visa invitation letters will be issued on receipt of a completed Visa Requirements Form, which is attached and must be returned no later than Monday 28th September.

CURRENCY

Local currency is pounds sterling (£GBP).

SEEDING

Seeding will be based on the WBL [World Rankings](#) as of 31st August 2015.

RANKINGS

Both World Championship events will carry double ranking points.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for players entering a single event is GBP£80 (USD\$130).

The entry fee for players entering both events is GBP£100 (USD\$160).

The entry fee for players entering the Ladies World Championship is GBP£20 (USD\$30).

PRIZE MONEY

The total guaranteed Prize Fund is GBP £20,000, to be split for each of the two events, broken down as follows:

Winner	£3,200	+ Trophy, Certificate and Gold Medal	x2
Runner Up	£1,600	+ Trophy, Certificate and Silver Medal	x2
Semi Finalists	£800	+ Trophy, Certificate and Bronze Medal	x2
Quarter Finalists	£400	+ Certificate	x2
Last 16	£200	+ Certificate	x2
High Break	£1PerPoint	+ Certificate	x2
TOTAL	£20,000		

A levy of 2.5% will be deducted at source from all prize money for payment to the WPBSA for governance.

All prize money will be paid within 2 weeks of the completion of the tournament. Players with UK bank accounts will be paid by bank transfer; bank nomination forms will need to be completed by those reaching the prize money stage in either competition. Non UK players will be paid by cheque.

Prize money for the Ladies World Championship will be subject to entries & sponsorship.



PLAYING FORMAT & STRUCTURE

There will be 2 World Championships: multiple game 150-Up format and the Long-Up format. Each event will have its own title and trophy. The tournament will commence on Monday 19th October at 10.00am, and finish on Wednesday 28th October. The structure of both events will depend on the number of entrants, but will have round robin groups followed by a knockout stage. The Ladies event will take place on Tuesday 27th October and will be round robin groups followed by a knockout stage. Matches will be timed. See below for a full breakdown of the schedule.

There will be players & referees meetings on Sunday 18th October following the final of the Jim Williamson Memorial event (see schedule below), and the opening ceremony will take place immediately afterwards upstairs in the Stateside Pool Lounge. There will be a presentation ceremony following the 2nd World Championship final on Wednesday 28th October.

DRESS CODE & LOGOS

The dress code for all events will be formal.

Men; Evening dress or dark suit together with waistcoat shall be worn to all match sessions. Long sleeve predominately plain coloured shirts fastened at the wrist, waistcoats, bow ties and dark colour dress shoes must be worn for all matches.

Ladies; Dark trousers or dark skirts, no shorter than kneecap, shall be worn to all match sessions. Predominately plain coloured shirts or blouses with sleeves below the elbow, and waistcoats must be worn for all matches. Ladies dark coloured dress shoes shall be worn to all sessions, and can be open or closed toe shoes.

Exemption from adhering to the dress code will only be given to players who provide valid & current (not older than 12 months) medical evidence prior to the commencement of the event.

The Tournament Controller will be the sole judge of whether any dress is deemed unsuitable and his decision will be final.

All players will be required to wear title sponsor LITEtask's logo on their waistcoat. These will be supplied to all players in advance of the event.

RULES

Both events will be played to the rules of English Billiards as published by the [WPBSA](#) in November 2014 which are available to download [here](#). The Baulkline Crossing Rule will be applied in both events but not in the Ladies World Championship or the Jim Williamson Memorial.

DRUG TESTING

Players may be subject to drug testing in accordance with the [WCBS](#) Drugs in Sport policy. More info [here](#).

WITHDRAWALS

Please be aware that in the event of a withdrawal there will be no refund of entry fees. Players withdrawing after the start of the event or not completing matches will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

DISCIPLINARY

Players will be subject to WPBSA [Rules & Regulations](#) and [Disciplinary Rules](#).



FURTHER INFORMATION

2015 JIM WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL WORLD OPEN

As a warm up to the World Championship, the Northern Snooker Centre will also host the 2015 Jim Williamson Memorial World Open, which will be open to anyone and be a full World Ranking Event. This will be played over the weekend of 17th/18th October. A separate entry of £40 will be payable (in advance) for this event. For more details see attached entry pack or click [here](#).

QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

A one day qualification tournament will take place on **Friday 16th October** for any players who do not qualify for one of their NGB nominations to the main events. If you wish to nominate more than your allocation of players they can be entered in to this qualification event. A minimum of 4 players will progress from this tournament in to the main draws of both world championships. Additional players may also progress through to the main World Championship if required to make groups of equal numbers.

Please enquire for further information.

SCHEDULE

Mon	28 th	Sep	Deadline for submission of Visa Requirements Form
Mon	28 th	Sep	Deadline for booking rooms at the official hotel at the reduced rate
Sun	4 th	Oct	Closing date for entry of players
Sun	11 th	Oct	Closing date for payment of entry fees in full to WBL according to invoice
Sun	11 th	Oct	Closing date for entry of players in to the Qualification Tournament
Sun	11 th	Oct	Closing date for entry of players in to the Jim Williamson Memorial
Fri	16th	Oct	Qualification Tournament
Sat	17th	Oct	Jim Williamson Memorial World Open (Group stages)
Sun	18th	Oct	Jim Williamson Memorial World Open (KO stages + Plate) followed by Players/Referees Meeting & Opening Ceremony
Mon	19 th	Oct	Short Format (Group Stages)
Tue	20 th	Oct	Short Format (Group Stages)
Wed	21 st	Oct	Short Format (Group Stages) (Last 32)
Thu	22 nd	Oct	Short Format (Last 16) (Quarter Finals)
Fri	23 rd	Oct	Short Format (Semi Finals) (Final) Start of Long Format (Group Stages)
Sat	24 th	Oct	Long Format (Group Stages)
Sun	25 th	Oct	Long Format (Group Stages)
Mon	26 th	Oct	Long Format (Last 32) (Last 16)
Tue	27 th	Oct	Long Format (Quarter Finals) (Semi Finals) World Ladies Championship
Wed	28 th	Oct	Long Format (Final) Closing Ceremony

Schedule subject to change depending on entry numbers

