

## 2017 LITetask WORLD BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

In association with the Northern Snooker Centre, Leeds, England

Dear National Governing Bodies,

On behalf of World Billiards, the World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association (WPBSA) and the English Association of Snooker & Billiards (EASB), I have the pleasure of inviting you to send your players to participate in the 2017 LITetask World Billiards Championship from 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

There will be two World Championships: 100-up 'frames' short format and single game long-up format. For the fourth consecutive year we are also combining with World Ladies Billiards & Snooker (WLBS) to organise the 20<sup>th</sup> WLBS World Women's Billiards Championship.

Please contact [phil.mumford@world-billiards.com](mailto: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 **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** and will not accept incomplete entries.

Each country is allowed to nominate 8 players + 1 junior + 1 woman into each of the two formats of World Championship, plus up to 4 players into the women's-only event. Entry fees are: GBP £100.00 (both events) or GBP £80.00 (single event only) per player. An entry fee of GBP £30 per player will cover entry into the World Women's Championship. 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 **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** to World Billiards Ltd. We will not accept 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October (following the final of the World Open (Jim Williamson Memorial) event); the opening ceremony will commence immediately afterwards upstairs in the Stateside Pool Lounge. Matches will start on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10:00am.

The draw, calendar of events and live results will be published on [www.world-billiards.com](http://www.world-billiards.com). Efforts will also be made to broadcast matches live over this web site.

Yours Sincerely




**Phil Mumford**  
Managing Director  
World Billiards Ltd

Yours Sincerely



**Steve Cowie ESM**  
Tournament Controller  
World Billiards Ltd

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**Jason Ferguson**  
Chairman  
WPBSA

Attached:

- Visa Requirements Form
- International Call for Referees




## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Host city: Leeds, England  
Dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017  
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  
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 Email address: [northernsnooker@btconnect.com](mailto:northernsnooker@btconnect.com)  
 Website Address: [www.northernsnookercentre.co.uk](http://www.northernsnookercentre.co.uk)  
 No. of match tables: 8  
 No. of practice tables: 2  
 Tables: Steel block. Not heated.  
 Cloth: [Hainsworth Match](#)  
 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 must 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 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](http://www.expressleeds.co.uk)

Single/Double/Twin room rate = GBP £66 (including breakfast, wi-fi, car parking & taxes).

Please note that rooms are available on a first come first served basis.

## OFFICIALS ACCOMMODATION & DAILY FOOD ALLOWANCE

Accommodation will be supplied on a twin share basis for all officials with bed & breakfast. One extra meal per day will be offered to all invited referees. See '[International Call for Referees](#)' document for more info.





## TRAVEL

Nearest international airport: Leeds Bradford International Airport (LBA)  
[www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk](http://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk)

Travel from airport to hotel (approx 12km)	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost (1 way)</u>
Taxi:	25min	GBP £16-£20

To book train travel in the UK see: [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)

To book coach travel in the UK see: [www.nationalexpress.com](http://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 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

## CURRENCY

Local currency is pounds sterling (£GBP).

## SEEDING

Seeding will be based on the WBL [World Rankings](#) as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

## RANKINGS

Both World Championship events will carry double ranking points.

## ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for players entering a single event is GBP £80.

The entry fee for players entering both events is GBP £100.

The entry fee for players entering the World Women’s Championship is GBP £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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,000 (x2)</b>		

Prize money for the World Women’s Championship will be subject to entries & sponsorship but will be a minimum of £500.

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.





## PLAYING FORMAT & STRUCTURE

There will be two main World Championships: multiple game 100-Up format and the single game long-up format. Each event will have its own title and trophy. The tournament will commence on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10.00am, and finish on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. The structure of both events will depend on the number of entrants, but will have round robin groups followed by a knockout stage.

The Women's event will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October followed by a presentation. The format will be round robin groups followed by a knockout stage. Matches will be timed.

There will be players & referees meetings on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October following the final of the 'World Open' (Jim Williamson Memorial) event, and the opening ceremony will take place immediately afterwards upstairs in the Stateside Pool Lounge. There will be presentation ceremonies both prior & following the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Championship final on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. See below for a full breakdown of the schedule.

## 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.

Women; 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. Women 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 LITe**task's logo on their waistcoat. These will be supplied to all players in advance of the event.

## PLAYING 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](#)) with the following modifications:

- The Baulkline Crossing Rule will be applied in both main World Championship events and the Qualifying Tournament but not in the World Women's Championship or the World Open.
- **Modified rules for playing from hand and the miss will be applied to the 100up event only.** Details of these rules can be found [here](#).

## PRESS & PUBLICITY

Players may be required to participate in press interviews, videos and photographs during these championships.

Matches may be live streamed or recorded for future sale on DVD or uploading to video websites.





## RULES, REGULATIONS & DISCIPLINARY

Players entering any of the five events associated with this World Championship will be subject to WPBSA [Rules & Regulations](#) and [Disciplinary Rules](#).

## DRUG TESTING

Players may be subject to drug testing in accordance with the WCBS & WADA Drugs in Sport policy. More information can be found [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 WPBSA disciplinary procedures.

## 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:

Long-up		100-up
100 points conceded	<b>LATE FOR START OF MATCH</b>	1st Frame conceded
+100 points conceded	<b>15 MINUTES LATE</b>	2nd frame conceded
+50 points conceded	<b>EACH 5 MINUTES LATE THEREAFTER</b>	1 frame conceded
Match conceded after 30 minutes	<b>END OF MATCH</b>	Match ends when winning frame total is acquired by non- offending player*
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 at 15 minutes late without incurring further penalty.		
Time lost by being late cannot be reclaimed and all Timed matches will run to the same clock held by the Tournament Controller.		
Late player automatically loses the string; options of breaking and which ball to use are therefore with the non-offending player.		
If a group match is conceded in its entirety the non-offending player receives the average score or frames from their other group matches so as not to contaminate seeding of the knockout stages.		

\* In the case of group matches the 'winning frame total' includes all frames scheduled to be played.





## FURTHER INFORMATION

### 2017 'WORLD OPEN' (Jim Williamson Memorial)

As a warm up to the World Championship, the Northern Snooker Centre will also host the 2017 'World Open', which will be open to anyone and is a full World Ranking Event. This will be played over the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October. A separate entry of £40 will be payable (in advance) for this event.

For all details for this event click [here](#).

### QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

A one day qualification tournament will take place on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 into this qualification event. A minimum of 4 players will progress from this tournament into 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

Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	Sep	Deadline for submission of Visa Requirements Form
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	Sep	<u>Closing date for entry of players</u>
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	<u>Closing date for payment of entry fees in full to WBL according to invoice</u>
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Deadline for confirmation that Visa application has been successful
Fri	13 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Closing date for entry of players into the Qualification Tournament
Fri	13 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Closing date for entry of players into the 'World Open'
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	<b>Qualification Tournament</b>
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	Oct	'World Open' [Jim Williamson Memorial] (Group stages)
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Oct	'World Open' [Jim Williamson Memorial] (KO stages + Plate) followed by Players/Referees Meeting & Opening Ceremony
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Oct	100-up (Group Stages)
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	100-up (Group Stages)
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	100-up (Group Stages)   (Last 32)
Thu	26 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	100-up (Last 16)   (Quarter Finals)   World Women's Championship
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	100-up (Semi Finals)   (Final)   Start of Long-up (Group Stages)
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Long-up (Group Stages)
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Long-up (Group Stages)
Mon	30 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Long-up (Last 32)   (Last 16)
Tue	31 <sup>st</sup>	Oct	Long-up (Quarter Finals)   (Semi Finals)
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	Nov	Presentation for everyone except finalists   Long-up (Final)   Closing Ceremony

Schedule subject to change depending on entry numbers

