

# The Republic of Ireland Billiards & Snooker Association



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## CHALLENGE RANKING TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Only players who are citizens of the Republic of Ireland or persons who have been resident for more than one year are eligible to play in Challenge Tournaments and must be registered members of RIBSA to compete in any Challenge Tournament.
2. Guidelines for eligibility to play:

The Challenge events will ONLY feature players who have never represented RIBSA at any age over 16yrs old.

- Open to all ages of RIBSA members who have never represented RIBSA in any International event over 16yrs in any category.
- Excluded are:
  - Any former National Champion in any level over 16yrs
  - Any WPBSA member are excluded for the Challenge Championship.
  - Former challenge Tour champions

RIBSA council reserves the right to review the eligibility of all players who enter Challenge events.

3. Entry fee €21 for seniors and €11 for juniors (Under 21). All entries must be submitted via the on line payment system and entry must be received no later than 1pm on the Friday prior to the tournament.
4. Neat dress is essential for all matches, e.g. trousers and long sleeved one-coloured shirt, buttoned at the wrist. Jeans, tee shirts, jumpers or sneakers are not acceptable. Any player not conforming to this rule may be disqualified and will forfeit his/her entry fee. The Tournament Director shall determine the quality of dress. Waistcoats must be worn for all matches. International waistcoats are not permissible.
5. All matches are the best of three frames with semi-final and final best of 5 frames.
6. Competitors must identify themselves to the Tournament Director at Control Desk prior to commencement of match. At the match time, the names of players will be called; a table will be allocated subject to availability. Any player not at the Control Desk at the time appointed for the match will forfeit one frame for being 15 minutes late or part thereof and one frame every five minutes thereafter. This penalty will apply even when no table is available.

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7. The Prize Fund will be dependent on number of entries.
- 20% of total entry fees to be set aside for Challenge Grand Final
  - Host Club €2 per entry
  - TD/referee - €2 per entry up to a maximum €30 per session
  - Winner - 40% of remainder - Runner-up 20%
  - 2 x semi-finalists - 10% each - High break €50 if available

In calculating prize money, two juniors will be counted as one entry. Complimentary entries will not be included.

8. Ranking points will be awarded for each match won, a bye or a walkover, provided always that the player plays in subsequent rounds of the tournament.

Ranking points will be awarded as follows:

100 points for Winner	50 points for beaten quarter-finalists
75 points for Runner-up	40 points for Last 16
60 points for beaten Semi-finalists	30 points for Last 32
	20 points for Last 64
	10 points for Last 128

Merit points will be awarded for every frame you win by, for example.

For a 3-0 win = 3 points - For a 3-1 win = 2 points - For a 3-2 win = 1 point

9. A Challenge Championship will be held at the end of the season after the final Challenge Ranking Tournament. Trophies will be awarded to Winner and Runner-up. Prize money will be paid as normal less the cost of trophies.
10. A Challenge Grand Final will be held at the end of the ranking events with the semi-finalists in each event qualifying season. Winner will receive perpetual trophy. Prize money will be paid as normal less the cost of trophies.
11. All players must abide by the Constitution and Rules of the Republic of Ireland Billiards and Snooker Association. By signing the Player Registration Form, all players understand that Drug Testing can be carried out at any time and consent to this. RIBSA competitions are subject to the Irish Sports Council Anti-Doping Rules.

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