

2022 WORLD MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

In association with Snooker & Billiards Ireland and the SBI Academy

Dear National Governing Bodies,

On behalf of World Billiards, the World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association (WPBSA) and Snooker & Billiards Ireland, we have the pleasure of inviting you to send your players to participate in the 2022 World Matchplay Billiards Championship from 4th – 8th April 2022 in Carlow, Ireland.

The tournament will be played under the format of multiple games of 100-up, using the [modified rules](#) which discourage negative play.

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

Entries to the World Matchplay are being capped at a maximum of 55. NGB's are advised to register their players without delay as further entries will not be accepted if numbers exceed 55.

Each country is allowed to nominate 8 players, plus 1 junior plus 1 woman, subject to entries not exceeding 55. The entry fee is GBP £90.00 per player. 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.

There will be a players and referees meeting on the evening of Sunday 3rd April (following the final of the Irish Open, exact time to be confirmed). Matches will start on Monday 4th April at 10:00am.

The draw, calendar of events and live results will be published on www.world-billiards.com. We are also aiming to provide live streaming.

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

Yours Sincerely

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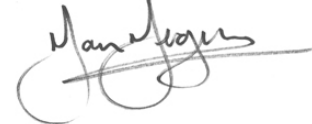
Jason Colebrook
Managing Director
World Billiards Ltd

Yours Sincerely

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Steve Cowie ESM
Tournament Controller
World Billiards Ltd

Yours Sincerely

A signature in black ink that reads "Jason Ferguson".

Jason Ferguson
Chairman
WPBSA

TOURNAMENT RULES/TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Host city: Carlow, Ireland
 Dates: 4th April 2022 – 8th April 2022
 Host Associations: World Billiards | SBI | WPBSA

CONTACTS

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VENUE INFORMATION

Venue address: Snooker & Billiards Ireland, Academy of Excellence, Graiguecullen, Co Laois, Carlow Town, R93 C5Y6

Tel no: 05991 46888


Email address: info@sbireland.ie

Website Address: <https://sbireland.ie>

No. of match tables: 8

Tables: 4 Shender tables, 4 Star tables - Steel block, heated

Cloth: Strachan Superfine

Balls: [Aramith](#) Tournament Champion Pro-Cup 

Lighting: TV style modern lighting on all tables

Scoring system: Electronic

Air Conditioning: Yes

Floor covering: Carpet

Seating / spectators: Yes

Travel: A shuttle bus service will be operating to transport players and officials between the Talbot Hotel and the venue

CURRENCY

Local currency is Euro.

ACCOMMODATION

It is a condition of entry that all competitors requiring accommodation must stay in the officially appointed hotel. All accommodation must be booked by competitors direct with the hotel.

Accommodation details are available on the World Billiards website.

Championship Hotel: Talbot Hotel Carlow
 Address: Graigue, Portlaoise Road, Co. Carlow, Ireland
 Tel: +353599153000
 Fax: +353599153001
 Website: <https://www.talbotcarlow.ie/>
 Room code: G:053540

Twin/Double room (2 people sharing) – €79 per night including breakfast

Single room (sole occupancy) – €75 per night including breakfast



TRAVEL

Nearest international airport: Dublin Airport
<https://www.dublinairport.com/>

Travel from airport to hotel (approx. 60 miles/100 km)

		<u>Approx. Time</u>	<u>Cost (1 way)</u>
To book coach travel:	JJKavanagh.ie	1hr 40 (fastest)	€18

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 an email to chris.coumbe@world-billiards.com which must include full passport details. A photo of your passport details page is best. 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 will be based on the WBL World Rankings.

RANKINGS

The World Matchplay is a Level 6 World Ranking Event with x3 ranking points.

The Irish Open is a Level 3 World Ranking Event with x1 ranking points.

ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for the Matchplay Championship is GBP £90 per player. The entry fee for the Irish Open is GBP £50 per player.

PLAYING FORMAT & STRUCTURE

The World Matchplay playing format will be multiple games of 100-up. The tournament will commence on Monday 4th April at 10.00am, and finish on Friday 8th April. The structure of the event will depend on the number of entrants but will have round robin groups followed by a knockout stage.

There will be a presentation ceremony following the World Matchplay Championship final on Friday 8th April. See the end of this document for a full breakdown of the schedule.

PRACTICE

Practice will be available on Thursday 31st March, a rota system may be in place. More details to be announced.

PRIZE MONEY

The total prize fund is broken down as follows:

Winner	£3,200
Runner Up	£1,600
Semi Finalists	£800
Quarter Finalists	£400
Last 16	£200
Last 24	£100
High Break	£1PerPoint*
TOTAL	£10,500 (*estimating £100 for high break)



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 one week of the completion of the tournament. Players with UK bank accounts will be paid by bank transfer or PayPal; bank nomination forms will need to be completed by those reaching the prize money stage of any competition if their details are not already on file, and it is the player's sole responsibility to ensure that World Billiards has the most up-to-date bank details. Note also that WBL will deduct any charges levied by your bank.

Blank bank nomination forms are available at the event.

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. All details of this can be found on the WBL website [here](#).

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 to our events. Players who fail to adhere to the rules and codes of conduct may find their entries rejected to future events.

PLAYING RULES

All events will be played to the rules of English Billiards as published by the [WPBSA](#) (which are available to download [here](#)). In the World Matchplay and Qualification Tournament, modified rules to discourage negative play will be used (available [here](#)). The Baulk-line Crossing Rule will be applied in the World Matchplay and the Qualifying Tournament but not in the Irish Open.

FURTHER INFORMATION

OFFICIALS ACCOMMODATION & DAILY FOOD ALLOWANCE

Accommodation will be supplied on a twin share basis for all officials with bed & breakfast. Please see the [International Call for Referees](#) on the website for more info.

2022 Irish Open

As a warm-up to the World Matchplay, the SBI Academy will also host the 2022 Irish Open, which will be open to anyone and is a level 3 World Ranking Event. This will be played over the weekend of 1st–3rd April. A separate entry of £50 will be payable (in advance) for this event.

For all details for this event see the website.

QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

A one-day qualification tournament may be held immediately prior to the World Matchplay, at the same venue, for players who do not qualify for one of their NGB nominations or receive ranking list invitations.



SCHEDULE

Sat	12th	March	Closing date for entry of players into the World Matchplay
Wed	23rd	March	Closing date for entry of players into the Irish Open
Friday	1st	April	Irish Open - Group Stages
Sat	2nd	April	Irish Open - Group Stages
Sun	3rd	April	Irish Open - KO Stages/Challenge Cup, followed by players/officials meeting
Mon	4th	April	World Matchplay - Group Stages
Tues	5th	April	World Matchplay - Group Stages
Wed	6th	April	World Matchplay - Group Stages
Thurs	7th	April	World Matchplay - Last 24, Last 16, Quarter-Finals
Friday	8th	April	World Matchplay - Semi-Finals, Final and Presentation

Schedule may be subject to change depending on entry numbers



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