

Dear Member,

I take great pleasure in advising you all, of the details of this year's Home Internationals.

- The 2023 Home International Festival takes place from Friday 4th August to Friday 11th August 2023, once again at the Northern Snooker Centre in Leeds.
- **Despite extensive enquiries, no accommodation deal has been agreed with any hotel. Each NGB must make their own accommodation bookings. The best deals are available online. It is advised that NGB book a number of rooms as soon as possible. Names can be changed on room bookings if necessary.**
- The Mens & Masters will take place from 5pm Friday 4th August to 2pm Monday 7th.
- The U16 and U21 and Women (if we get enough interest) will take place from 5 pm Monday 7th to 2pm Thursday 10th August.
- The Billiards will take place from 5pm Thursday 10th to 7pm Friday 11th August.
- The WBL Jim Williamson Open will take place on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th August.

Please note that after much discussion the committee have agreed to charge an entry fee of £50 per team (Snooker and Billiards) Entry fee to be paid by Saturday 3rd June

The format of the HIBSF Championships will be the same as last year. Panels will be split into groups of 4 to play 3 round robin matches to establish positions for a semi-final playoff and a subsequent final, with positions 3 and 4 doing the same in a plate competition.

We use 12 table so we need 12 referees each day of the tournament. The allocation has always been two (2) referees from England, Scotland, Wales, N.Ireland and Ireland. 1 referee from the Isle of Man plus one or two guest referees. It is essential that all countries fulfil their commitment.

The Tournament Team this year is Shane Mason (IRL) Tournament Director, Neil Shanahan (IRL) Tournament Referee, Desi Stinson (N, IRL) Assistant TD and Head Referee, Tony Cannon (Wales) Secretary and live streaming.

The Referees and Tournament Team accommodation will be booked and paid for by the Home Internationals Billiards and Snooker Federation, the NGBs **will not** be required to make any bookings in this regard. The Northern Snooker Centre will provide free tea and Coffee for all officials throughout the day. Each official will also receive a meal voucher each day.

Referees will be provided with twin rooms to share with one other referee. Should referees wish to have a single occupancy room or share with another person that referee is required to cover half the room costs.

We are hoping to get 8 teams in each category and as there are 8 NGBs in this Association, this is one team for each in all categories.

Where all NGBs do not enter teams in a category, then additional teams will be accepted from the other NGBs. The winners of the previous competition will be offered an additional place first, the runners up second, with the remaining places being 'first come first served' for B teams.

- We would ask that any country who wishes to enter more than one team in a category please let us know as soon as possible, preferably by mid-March.
- We need everyone to let me know what panels they are sending by **Saturday 15th April**.

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- We will discuss the allocation of extra teams at our AGM
- The HIBSF AGM will take place by Zoom at 7pm on **Wednesday 19th April**
- We will also need the Home International Affiliation Fee to be paid by **Saturday 3rd June**.
- We will need the player names for these panels by **Saturday 1st July**.
- We will need the names of the Referees being provided by each NGB by **Saturday 1st July**.

We must be strict with our deadlines for this year. I cannot stress just how important it is that we meet these deadlines.

Kind regards



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