



INTERNATIONAL OPEN
SNOOKER SERIES

Dear Player,

Pontin's International Open Series 2009/2010

Tournament Entry Pack

Closing Date for Entries: 13th June 2009

Please find enclosed the following in respect of this series only:

- Entry Form
- Order of Merit Points Schedule 2009/2010
- Rules of Entry
- Full Payment Form

Competing Players

There are eight events in the Pontin's International Open Series (PIOS), which are all open to players aged 15 years by 22nd. June 2009. All entrants must be amateur (non-members of WPBSA) and be members of their relevant National Governing Body. Proof of membership will be checked and any entries received that do not comply will be refused.

Players do not have to play all eight events; you can play as many or as few as you wish but once you have entered you must pay the whole Entry Fee of £950.00. The enclosed Entry Form with the full payment must be submitted to Prestatyn by 13th June 2009.

Please note that the Entry Fee is non-refundable, for any given reason.

Please ensure that you read and digest the rules of entry before proceeding.

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to 'PONTIN'S Ltd.

Venue

All eight events will be played at the World Snooker Centre at Pontin's, Prestatyn.

Seedings/Draws

No draws will be seeded for the 2009/10 PIOS Series the draw for Series One will be made at random in front of a "live" audience.

The draw for Event Two will be made at Event One and this sequence will continue throughout the series.

If byes are required these will be given at random.

At Series One the draws for Series Two will be issued at the event. If you are not present, the draw will be posted to you.

Round Structure

Matches will be played on timed sessions and play will commence at 9.30 am each day and will continue until all matches are completed.

All matches up to and including the Last 16 will be the best of 7 frames, Quarter Finals and Semi Finals will be best of 9 frames and the Final will be the best of 11 frames.

Prize Money

The prize money breakdown will be subject to the number of entries received and will be sent with the playing details. However, based on 128 entries we intend that a minimum of 85% of the total entry fees will be allocated to the prize fund and it is anticipated that the breakdown will be as follows:

	<u>Approx Round %</u>	<u>Paid out</u>
Winner	20.00%	1
Runner Up	10.00%	1
Losing Semi Finalists	10.00%	2
Losing Quarter Finalists	12.50%	4
Last 16	12.50%	8
Last 32	15.00%	16
Last 64	20.00%	32

Prize money to be paid directly at the event in Pontin's Prestatyn Sands, apart from larger cheques, these will arrive via post to the players/agent home address.

The Proposed PIOS Dates (Playing days) for 2009/10 are:

Series One, Monday 22nd to Friday 26th June.. **Series Two** Monday 27th to Friday 31st July 2009. **Series Three** Monday 24th to Friday 28th August. **Series Four** Monday 19th –Friday 23rd October. **Series Five** Tuesday 10th to Saturday 14th November. **Series Six** Sunday 28th February to Thursday 4th March 2010. **Series Seven** Monday 22nd to Friday 26th March and **Series Eight** – from Tuesday 4th to Saturday 8th may 2010.

The Organisers reserve the right to change any of the above dates if circumstances arise beyond Pontin's control . All efforts will be made to avoid such eventuality and to adhere to the published dates. Any changes will be notified in writing to all players and in good time.

Please note that no compensation will be due for missing any Event of the Series after a notification for date change is issued.

PIOS Order of Merit List

The Order of Merit List for the PIOS is based on one season's Order of Merit points only and the Points List will be sent with the playing details. Only the best seven results during the season will count towards the end of season PIOS Order of Merit List. Points earned on the PIOS relate only to the PIOS.

Future Tour Structure

At the end of the 2009/2010 season, the top eight players from the PIOS Order of Merit List will be nominated for a place on The World Snooker Main Tour 2010/2011.

General

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the PIOS Operations team. Roland Van Laere 07791 550741, Terry Lyons 07801 491983, Haydn Parry 07766 990315 or Email Vanlaere@va-event-management.com or the team at Pontin's Prestatyn Sands, Karen or Jayne on 01745 881800, Fax No. 01745 855 608.

Finally, please remember the **closing date is 13th June 2009** and be assured that we will post your playing details to you as early as possible.

Yours sincerely

Roland Van Laere

Signed on behalf of Pontin's and PIOS