

Pontin's International Open Series

Rules of Entry 2009/10

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Dress Code

Dress code will be dark trousers, shoes, collared tailored shirt (not polo shirt) and waistcoat; however, no bow ties are required. No jeans or trainers are allowed.

Players Lounge

Dress code will be smart casual, no shorts, racist or vulgar tee shirts and strictly no food, drinks, or mobile telephones.

Logos

Players are permitted to wear suitable logos; however, PIOS reserve the right to require a player to remove a logo at any time if deemed unsuitable. This will be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.

Withdrawals

Should you for any reason be unable to play your match please inform the tournament office at the venue, or telephone as soon as possible as prompt notice can save your opponent travelling expenses. No points will be awarded to players withdrawing regardless of the reason for withdrawal.

No Shows

A "no show" form is enclosed with the entry pack; players must complete this and send it to the Tournament Office the same day they notify for their non attendance.

Should a player not show up for his/her match and not inform the tournament office of his/her inability to participate, **such player will not be included in draw for the next event of the Series.**

It is imperative that the Office is informed if for any reason a player is not able to turn up.

Reserves

PIOS may at any time before the commencement of a Series or match replace any Player with another upon receipt of a formal withdrawal from a Tournament by that Player and the replacement player is a fully paid up member of PIOS.

Access to Practice Area

No practice facilities will be available during the Pontin's International Open Series. In the event that tables do become available this will be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director.

Accommodation

Each Player is responsible for booking his own accommodation for a Tournament unless otherwise advised by Pontin's. To book accommodation at Prestatyn, Holiday Centre please call 01745 854523. Advanced bookings are strongly recommended.

Visas / Work Permits

World Snooker is now a registered "sponsor" with the UK Border Agency for the purpose of processing work permit applications and is therefore able to apply for work permits on behalf of eligible players via the new points based system.

Work permits are only required if you intend to base yourself in the UK for the duration of the season. If you intend to only travel to the UK to compete in each Event and then return to your residing country, you will need to obtain a "Sports & Entertainment multi entry Visa". This Visa will enable you to come back and forth into the UK throughout the year. World Snooker will not be able to obtain this Visa on your behalf.

However, if you would like World Snooker to apply for a Work Permit on your behalf, please contact the Company Secretary's Office on 0117 3178 207.

REGULATIONS DURING MATCHES

Rules of the Game

Each Player at all times shall observe the Rules of the Game during Tournaments. Players must play at a reasonable and proper pace at all times during a Match.

REFEREES AND TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Tournament Director

Each Player shall comply with the reasonable direction and/or decisions of the Tournament Director or his authorised representatives (including Tournament Officials and Referees) concerning all matters arising at and relating to the Tournament, whose decision shall be final.

Referees

'Roving' referees will be available to monitor and adjudicate matches up to and including the last 16. Remaining matches may be allocated referees. Unless otherwise specified by PIOS, the 'roving' Referee will be in charge of matches allocated by the Tournament Director, and he shall be the sole judge and adjudicator for those matches. All Players shall abide by the directions and decisions of that Referee (whose decision will be final).

Leaving the Playing Arena

Players who are given permission to leave the playing arena must return to the playing arena within a reasonable time but in any event within a maximum of ten (10) minutes from the time he left the playing arena (unless Re-tipping of Cues below applies).

Re-tipping of Cues

A Player will be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes to re-tip his cue if it becomes loose or damaged during a Match.

Re-scheduling and Unfinished Matches

PIOS may reschedule any Match to another time on giving reasonable notice to the Players due to play in that Match.

If a Match is not completed within the time scheduled, PIOS has the right to require the Match to be completed on any other table available and to decide the time when play of that Match will recommence.

EQUIPMENT

General Rule

Players' equipment shall comply with the spirit and principle of snooker as a sport; that is Players compete on an equal footing.

A Player may not use, wear or carry any technical innovation unless approved by World Snooker.

PRIZE MONEY

Will be specified on the individual prize money breakdown matrix.

POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION OF TOURNAMENTS

Cancellation and Postponement

Pontin's reserves the right in its discretion to cancel or postpone all or any of the Tournaments. PIOS shall not be liable to Players in any respect, (including re-imburement for entry fee's, or prize money) if a Tournament, or any part of it is cancelled or postponed for whatever reason,

Effect on Merit Points

If the Tournament is cancelled for any reason whatsoever the status and the number and allocation of Merit Points (as appropriate) will be void.

GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF PLAYERS

Good Faith and Behaviour

Each Player shall behave towards other Players, Pontin's, its directors, and employees, Referees, Tournament Officials and Partners with the utmost good faith and treat them with dignity and respect.

Players shall, at all times, behave in a proper and correct manner and shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person on the grounds of disability, their religion, race, colour or national or ethnic origin, sex or sexual orientation.

Players shall refrain from any acts of violence, threats or insults or any improper behaviour.

Each Player shall participate in a Tournament in a fair and sporting manner and shall co-operate with PIOS to promote and develop snooker.

A Player shall not be permitted to smoke, eat or drink alcohol at any time during his Match except during intervals and breaks authorised by the Referee and taken outside the playing arena.

A Player shall not bet or lay bets on the result, score or any other aspect of any snooker or billiards match in which he is playing or cause any such bet to be placed or laid on his/her behalf.

A Player shall not directly or indirectly solicit, attempt to solicit or accept any payment or any form of remuneration or benefit in exchange for influencing the outcome of any game of snooker or billiards.

A Player shall not make or cause to be made any statement or commit or cause to be committed any act which in the reasonable view of the Association is likely to bring into disrepute the games of billiards and/or snooker, World Snooker, any director or employee, any other Player and/or any Partner.

No correspondence between any Player and the Association shall be released to the media without the prior consent of the Board. Players shall not air grievances or complaints to or in the media.

Each Player shall comply with all rules and regulations of a Venue and shall not do anything or omit to do anything which would cause PIOS to be in breach of its agreement with any Venue.

Each Player shall treat all staff working at the Venue with respect and will comply with all reasonable requests that they may make from time to time.

Players must comply with the instructions of Pontin's concerning access of guests to the Venue.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

PONTIN'S SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR ANY INJURY, DEATH, LOSS OR DAMAGE CAUSED TO OR SUFFERED BY ANY PLAYER, PLAYER'S GUEST OR REPRESENTATIVE OR ANY EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING OR PERSONAL ITEMS OF A PLAYER, HIS GUEST OR REPRESENTATIVE WHILST AT A VENUE, ACCOMMODATION OR AT ANY OTHER LOCATION DURING A TOURNAMENT EXCEPT THAT, IN THE CASE OF PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH, PONTIN'S LTD SHALL BE LIABLE IF SUCH INJURY OR DEATH WAS CAUSED BY PONTIN'S LTD NEGLIGENCE OR WILFUL DEFAULT.

Players are welcome to take advantage of the special Travel Insurance Package available to all Pontin's guests and which should cover most of the above eventualities.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

Making a complaint

Any complaint or grievance of a Player arising during a Match concerning the quality of the snooker table and/or the cloth or any item or matter that may affect a Player's ability to play snooker, shall be immediately referred in the first instance to the Tournament Director. PIOS/Pontin's will appoint an independent adjudicator whose decision will be final & binding.

RULES OF DISCIPLINE

Players competing in the Pontin's International Open Series are also subject to the Rules of Discipline of their relevant National Governing Body.
