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Dear Player

**BETFAIR EUROPEAN TOUR 2012/2013
ENTRY PACK FOR THE BULGARIAN OPEN – SOFIA, BULGARIA (ET4)**

**Closing Date:
Monday, 15 October 2012 (12.00 noon)**

This entry pack outlines the event specific information for **The Bulgarian Open, Sofia, Bulgaria (ET4)**. This entry pack should be read in conjunction with the Tour Players Pre Season letter dated 11 May 2012.

Entry Criteria

The Bulgarian Open is open to all 2012/13 Tour players and amateur players. All players entering this event who have not already done so will be required to sign the WSL Players Contract.

Dates/Venue

14-15 November 2012	Amateur pre qualifier*
16-18 November 2012	Final Stages (Last 128 to Final) Dedeman Princess Sofia Hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria

* amateur pre-qualifying day(s) are subject to the number of entries.

Online Entry System

Entries will only be accepted via the online entry system. No entries will be accepted by email, post or fax and no entries will be accepted after the closing date above.

Entry Fees:

The entry fee is £100 per event (non refundable) payable via the online entry system.

Prize Money

The breakdown is shown below:

	NUMBER	INDIVIDUAL PRIZE Euros	ROUND TOTAL Euros
Winner	1	€12,000	€12,000
Runner-Up	1	€6,000	€6,000
Losing semi-finalist	2	€3,000	€6,000
Losing quarter-finalist	4	€2,000	€8,000
Last 16	8	€1,250	€10,000
Last 32	16	€750	€12,000
Last 64	32	€500	€16,000
Total prize fund			€70,000

Please note, WSL will be deducting the WPBSA levy of 2.5% on all prize money.

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Prize money for all rounds of The Bulgarian Open will be paid by World Snooker as per the euro breakdown above. The equivalent amount of Euros will be paid in GBP Sterling after deduction of any local withholding tax as applicable.

Please ensure that you have completed and returned a bank nomination form to enable payment to be made.

European Tour

The Bulgarian Open is a European Tour 2012/2013 event.

Round Structure and Seedings

The event will consist of 128 players.

If the number of amateur entries exceeds the number of places available, then an amateur pre-qualifier will be played prior to the main event to complete the field of 128.

In the event that 128 entries are not received the highest seeded players will receive a bye into the last 64 round.

All matches will be the best of 7 frames.

There will be 64 seeded players according to the PTC Order of Merit after the Antwerp Open (ET3).

The 64 un-seeded players shall be made up of:

All remaining Tour Players not in the Top 64 on the respective PTC Order of Merit

The respective number of qualifiers from the pre-qualifying tournament (if required).

Ranking Points

Tour players competing in The Bulgarian Open will receive world ranking points from the Last 64 round and all points earned count towards the Official World Ranking List.

Last 64	Last 32	Last 16	QF	SF	R/U	Winner
360	560	760	1000	1280	1600	2000

PTC Order of Merit

The prize money won by all participating players shall be counted toward the PTC Order of Merit.

Should the same player qualify from the PTC order of merit and the APTC order of merit, it is the highest position on the respective order of merit that counts. The resulting vacant place(s) will be filled by the player next in line, who has not already qualified, on the order of merit where the player has the lower position. For example: Player A is No 1 on the PTC order of merit and No 3 on the APTC order of merit. Player A qualifies via the PTC order of merit and No 5 on the APTC order of merit will be awarded the place.

If a player is in the same position on both order of merit lists, the tour with the most number of events will count eg PTC order of merit and the next in line, who has not already qualified, on the other order of merit eg APTC order of merit will qualify. For example: Player A is No 3 on both order of merit lists. Player A qualifies via the PTC order of merit and No 5 on the APTC order of merit will be awarded the place.

Amateur Order of Merit

At each of the European Tour events to be staged in Furth (ET 1), Antwerp (ET 3), Bulgaria (ET 4), and Ravenscraig (ET 5) there will be an additional event for amateur players ONLY! These events will form the European amateur order of merit with points awarded per round. Upon completion of the European Qualifying Tour, the 4 winners together with 8 players from the Amateur order of merit will go into a 12 man play off. The 12 man play off will be used to qualify 3 players to compete on the WSL main tour for season 2013/14.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Draw and Format

Each PTC draw will be conducted by WSL and posted on www.worldsnooker.com as soon as possible after the closing date and seeding cut off.

Eurosport

We are pleased to advise that Eurosport will be broadcasting coverage of 1 match table from the Last 128 stage of this event.

Dress Code/Logos

Evening dress, waistcoat and bow tie should be worn whilst playing unless otherwise communicated by WSL.

Players will be allowed to wear four logos. Two of the logos shall be retained by WSL for the European Tour Sponsor and the Local Event Sponsor. Players are entitled to sell their further two logos to non-conflicting sponsors in accordance with the Logo Code of Practice. In respect of this tournament no logo must conflict with the following excluded category:

- Bookmaker or online betting and gaming products including online casinos, poker rooms, sports betting and bingo.

Local legislation prohibits the advertising of tobacco products.

If you have any questions on The Bulgarian Open or the European Tour events please contact WSL Operations in Bristol.

Finally, please remember the **closing date is the 15 OCTOBER – 12 noon.**

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely



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