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Dear Player

**ASIAN TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP 2013/2014
ENTRY PACK FOR ZHENGZHOU OPEN (AT3)**

Closing Date:
Friday, 4 October 2013 (12.00 noon)

This entry pack outlines the event specific information for the **Asian Tour (AT) Event 3**. The Asian Tour will comprise of four events which will give players entry into the Players Tour Championship Grand Final scheduled for March 2014.

Competing Players

Asian Tour events are open to all 2013/2014 Tour Players and all amateur players. This event will be played in accordance with the WSL Players' Contract. All obligations and penalties will be applicable. Please note it is a breach of the WPBSA members rules and regulations not to compete in an event once you have entered.

Dates/Venue

20-24 October 2013

Guanhua Grand Hotel
No. 68 Ruida Road, High Tech Industry Development Zong,
Zhengzhou City, Henan Province Tel: 2000

Entry Fees:

The entry fee is £100 per event (non refundable) payable via the online entry system. No entries will be accepted after the closing date above.

Prize Money

The breakdown is shown below:

	NUMBER	INDIVIDUAL PRIZE		ROUND TOTAL	
		Sterling	RMB	Sterling	RMB
Winner	1	£10,000	100,000	£10,000	100,000
Runner-Up	1	£5,000	50,000	£5,000	50,000
Losing semi-finalist	2	£2,500	25,000	£5,000	50,000
Losing quarter-finalist	4	£1,500	15,000	£6,000	60,000
Last 16	8	£1,000	10,000	£8,000	80,000
Last 32	16	£600	6,000	£9,600	96,000
Last 64	32	£200	2,000	£6,400	64,000
Total prize fund				£50,000	500,000

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 in the Asian Tour events will be paid to you directly by the local promoter at the venue in sterling or RMB. This prize money may be subject to local withholding tax (“WHT”). WHT will be deducted by the local promoter before payment is made and an original WHT certificate for each player will be produced and given to you. This original certificate may be used to reclaim the WHT against your UK tax liabilities. HMRC or your accountant will be able to advise you on this.

Round Structure and Seeding

This event will consist of 128 players and all matches will be the best of 7 frames.

All Main Tour players are eligible to compete in this event as well as CBSA ranked players and amateur players.

Up to 64 players will be seeded according to the Order of Merit after Asian Tour Event 2 2013.

If fewer than 64 players who are ranked on the Order of Merit following AT2 enter, the remaining seeded spaces will be allocated as follows:

- Remaining Main Tour players in accordance with World Rankings after ET5
- CBSA Ranking
- Remaining players at random.

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

- All remaining Tour Players
- All remaining CBSA ranked players
- The respective number of qualifiers from the pre-qualifying tournament (if required).

Ranking Points

Tour players competing in the Asian Tour will receive world ranking points from the Last 64 round in each Asian Tour event 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

Asian Tour Order of Merit

A separate one year Asian Tour Prize Money Order of Merit will be in operation for the Asian Tour which is calculated in Sterling. All players who compete in the Asian Tour will appear on the Asian Tour Order of Merit.

The top 8 players on the Asian Tour Order of Merit will qualify for entry into the Players Tour Championship Grand Final (provisionally 18-23 March 2014). The criteria laid out in the attached Players Championship Qualifying Criteria will determine the final positions on the Asian Tour Order of Merit and who qualifies for the PTC Grand Final.

The PTC Grand final shall consist of 32 players and will carry a Total prize fund of £300,000 (with a winner's prize of £100,000).

Main Tour qualification for season 2014/2015

The top 4 players (professional or amateur) taken from the Asian Tour Order of Merit, who have not already qualified will be awarded a place on the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 Main Tour.

Draw and Format

Each Asian Tour draw will be conducted by World Snooker in conjunction with the promoter and emailed to entrants as soon as possible after the closing date of entry and relevant seeding cut off date.

We anticipate the draw and format being available after 9 October 2013.

Dress Code

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

Logos

Players will be permitted to wear three logos for this event. The World Snooker logo patch has been allocated to the title sponsor for this event leaving two patches to be sold by the players. All logos are subject to prior approval from World Snooker, and must comply with all other regulations within our logo code of conduct. Contact Simon Brownell for the relevant logo application form at simon.brownell@worldsnooker.com or on 0117 317 8216. The deadline for logos to be approved will be **Monday, 7 October 2013**.

Brand exclusivity has been granted for a Title Sponsor and further details regarding any excluded brand category will be sent shortly. Local legislation prohibits the advertising of tobacco or gambling products.

Accommodation

From 18 October and whilst competing in AT3, standard bed and breakfast accommodation based on 2 players sharing will be provided for all Tour players and those amateurs competing in the International Championship final stages at the Guanghua Grand Hotel, 68 Ruida Road, High Tech Industry Development Zone, Zhengzhou City, Henan Province.

Once players are knocked out of AT3, they will be responsible for their own accommodation. (If the person you share room with is still in the tournament, you can stay in that room until he is knocked out.)

Please contact Nerissa Wang at 52960523@qq.com & wangyanghui21@hotmail.com to confirm your flight details & hotel requirements by **15 October 2013**.

Players competing in the International Championship

Accommodation will be provided for players competing in the International Championship from 25 October. Once players have been knocked out of the Zhengzhou Open (AT3), they will be responsible for their own accommodation until 25 October. Further details to follow in player's information pack.

Please note if a player chooses an alternative hotel to the one provided by the local promoter all costs and security will be the responsibility of the player concerned.

Flights and Travel

Players are responsible for their own flights. Zhengzhou is the closest airport with flights from London Heathrow, via Guangzhou and the Promoter will make every effort to assist with airport collections and transport to the official hotel.

For those players also competing in the International Championship, you may wish to consider flying into Chengdu and then an internal Chengdu/Zhengzhou return flight. British Airways now fly direct to Chengdu from Heathrow, and current costs are approx £890 premium economy / £590 economy.

Shuttle Bus

A shuttle bus service will be provided for players going to the Zhengzhou airport at least once a day during the event with full details and timetables available on arrival.

PR Activities

Each player will be required to participate in PR activities:

- A. 19 October – Welcome Banquet
- B. 20 October – Opening Ceremony

If you have any questions on the Asian Tour events please contact the Bristol Office. Finally, please remember **closing date: Friday, 4 October 2013 (12.00 noon)**.

Kind regards.



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Head of Operations