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Dear Player

**ASIAN TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP 2013/2014
ENTRY PACK FOR YIXING OPEN (AT 1)**

Closing Date:
Thursday, 30 May 2013 (12.00 noon)

This entry pack outlines the event specific information for the **Asian Tour (AT) Event 1**. 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

*11-15 June 2013 Yixing Sports Centre, Yixing City, China
(approx 1.5 hours drive from Shanghai)

* Tour Players will not play until 12 June 2013.

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.

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

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("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 Official World Rankings after the World Championship 2013.

If fewer than 64 Main Tour players enter, the remaining seeded spaces will be selected based on the CBSA Ranking.

If fewer than 64 Main Tour players and CBSA ranked players enter, the remaining seeded spaces will be selected at random from the remaining entrants.

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 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.

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 **Friday, 31 May 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: Standard bed and breakfast accommodation based on 2 players sharing will be provided for all players whilst competing in the event.

Tour players competing in the Wuxi Classic – Accommodation will be provided for players competing in the Wuxi Classic from 15 June. Once players have been knocked out of the Yixing Open (AT1), they will be responsible for their own accommodation until 15 June. Further details to follow in player's information pack.

The Promoter will make every effort to assist with your travel arrangements from Yixing to Wuxi which will be at your own cost.

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. Shanghai is the closest International Airport and connections to Wuxi Airport are available from Hong Kong.

Please provide flight and accommodation requirements to Narissa Wang by 1 June 2013 email: 52960523@qq.com / my1472006@126.com

PR Activities: Each player will be required to participate in at least 1 PR activity.

If you have any questions on the Asian Tour events please contact the Bristol Office.

Finally, please remember **closing date: Thursday 30 May 2013 (12.00 noon)**.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely



Freya Gooden
Head of Operations



THE PLAYERS TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP 2013/2014 SEASON QUALIFYING CRITERIA

For the 2013/2014 season there will be a maximum of 32 players in the PTC Grand Final determined as follows:-

Top 24 from the European Tour Order of Merit*	24
Top 8 from the Asian Tour Order of Merit	8
	32

1. Should a player qualify through both the European Tour Order of Merit and the Asian Tour Order of Merit, their qualification will be deemed through the Order of Merit in which they are ranked highest.

Example 1: *Player A is No 1 on the European Tour Order of Merit and No 3 on the Asian Tour Order of Merit. Player A qualifies via the European Tour Order of Merit (as this is the Order of Merit where the player is ranked highest). The next highest ranked player on the Asian Tour Order of Merit will be awarded the vacant place in the PTC Grand Finals.*

2. If the player is ranked in the same position in both Order of Merits, the Tour with the greatest number of Events will be the Order of Merit that the player is deemed to have qualified through (In the 2013/14 season this will be the European Tour Order of Merit).

Example 2: *Player A is No 3 on both Order of Merits. Player A qualifies via the European Tour order of merit (as this has the greatest number of Events). The next highest ranked player on the Asian Tour order of merit will be awarded the vacant place in the PTC Grand Finals.*

3. The Grand Final seeding will be based on the combined total of money earned in both the European Tours and Asian Tours.
4. All non WPBSA members (amateurs) must be members of their National Governing Body.