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Dear Player

EUROPEAN TOUR 2013/2014

ENTRY PACK FOR THE ANTWERP OPEN – ANTWERP, BELGIUM (ET7)

Closing Date:
Monday, 14 October 2013 (12.00 noon)

This entry pack outlines the event specific information for **the Antwerp Open (ET7)**. The European Tour will comprise of 8 events which will give players entry into the Players Tour Championship Grand Final scheduled for March 2014.

Entry Criteria

The Antwerp Open is open to all 2013/14 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. 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

13 November 2013	EBSA Qualifying Tour Event – Amateur Cup*
14 November 2013	Amateur pre qualifier**
15-17 November 2013	Final Stages (Last 128 to Final) Lotto Arena, Antwerp, Belgium

* subject to the number of entries. Matches will be played at Club Matchroom.

* *amateur pre-qualifying day is subject to the number of entries.

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 for this event is shown below:

	Number	Individual Prize	Round Total
Winner	1	€25,000	€25,000
Runner-up	1	€12,000	€12,000
Losing semi-finalist	2	€6,000	€12,000
Losing quarter-finalist	4	€4,000	€16,000
Last 16	8	€2,300	€18,400
Last 32	16	€1,200	€19,200
Last 64	32	€700	€22,400
Total prize fund	64		€125,000

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

Prize money for all rounds of The Antwerp Open will be paid by World Snooker as per the euro breakdown above. The equivalent amount of euros will be paid in 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.

Round Structure and Seedings

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 and if 128 or more Main Tour players enter, there will be no space for amateur entrants. If there is no space for any amateur entrants they will be refunded their entry fee.

If fewer than 128 Main Tour players enter the event, the remaining spaces will be made up from amateur entrants who will compete in a pre-qualifier prior to the main event to determine which amateur entrants qualify.

If fewer than 128 Main Tour and amateur players enter the event, the highest seeded players will receive a bye into the last 64 round.

There will be 64 seeded players according to the European Tour Order of Merit after the Ruhr Open (ET5) 2013.

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

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

Ranking Points

Tour players competing in the Ruhr 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

European Tour Order of Merit

A separate one year European Tour Prize Money Order of Merit will be in operation for the European Tour which is calculated in Sterling. All players who compete in the European Tour will appear on the European Tour Order of Merit. For the purposes of the Order of Merit £1 = €1.20.

The top 24 players on the European 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 European 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 winners prize of £100,000).

Main Tour qualification for season 2014/2015

The top 8 players (professional or amateur) taken from the European 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 European Tour draw will be conducted by WSL and posted on www.worldsnooker.com as soon as possible after the closing date and the respective seeding cut off.

Amateur Order of Merit

Once again, in partnership with the EBSA, at four European Tour events 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. This order of merit will be used to qualify 3 players to compete on the World Snooker Main Tour for season 2014/15 and 2015/2016. The Antwerp Open will host one of these events and all amateur entrants in ET7 will automatically be entered in the Amateur Cup in Antwerp (no additional entry fee is payable). All amateur order of merit matches up to the latter stages of the competition will be held in the Club Matchroom, Schijnpoortweg 57, B-2170 Merksem, Antwerp, on the 13 November.

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

The dress code for the European Tour will be as outlined in our email dated 24 June 2013 and summarised below:

Amateur Pre qualifying stage - Evening dress, waistcoat and bow tie should be worn whilst playing unless otherwise communicated by WSL.

Last 128 stage - polo shirt as previously supplied by World Snooker which must be worn during play with black tailored trousers. Players will be requested by tournament officials to tuck their polo shirts neatly into their trousers. Amateur players reaching the Last 128 stage will be provided with one polo shirt. Players are responsible for providing their own sponsor logo patches.

Logos

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

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 and gambling products.

General

If you have any questions on the Antwerp Open or the European Tour events please contact the Bristol Office.

Finally, please remember the **closing date is 14 October 2013 – 12 noon.**

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely



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