

World Women's Snooker Championship 2024

Closing Date: Friday 1 March 2024 (12.00pm GMT)



Dates:	11-17 March 2024 – Main competition 11-12 March 2024 – Under-21 / Seniors																																						
Venue:	Changping Gymnasium, 1 Zhenxing Road, Changping Town, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province																																						
Entry fee:	Main competition: £100 (all ages) Under-21 / Seniors side-events: £40																																						
Format:	<p><u>World Championship</u></p> <p>Group stage (round-robin): Best of 5 frames</p> <p>Knockout stage matches: Prelim matches (before last 16): best of 5 frames Last 16 / Quarter-finals: best of 7 frames Semi-finals: best of 9 frames Final: best of 11 frames</p> <p><u>Seniors / Under-21</u></p> <p>Format TBC, subject to entries.</p> <hr/> <p>Please note that there will be <u>no Challenge Cup</u> at this event.</p> <p>All formats subject to change, dependent on entries.</p>																																						
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Enter online:	<p>Enter via WPBSA SnookerScores: https://snookerscores.net/events/2024-world-womens-snooker-championship</p> <p>To enter you will be required to create a WPBSA SnookerScores account and follow the instructions to enter the event and pay your entry fee via either PayPal or by debit/credit card.</p>																																						

	<p>Your entry and payment MUST be received before the event entry deadline of 12:00pm (GMT) on 1 March 2024. Your entry is not valid until you have entered, and we have received payment of your entry fee.</p> <p>All players must be in good standing with their National Federation at the time of entering and competing. In the event of a dispute with a National Federation there will be an appeals process.</p> <p>Players are invited to submit player photographs by email to matt.huart@wpbsa.com if they do not currently have a photo on WPBSA SnookerScores.</p>
Dress code:	<p>Long-sleeved shirt or blouse, fastened waistcoat, smart trousers or skirt & smart shoes (no boots / trainers). Bow tie is optional.</p> <p>View the WWS Dress Code Guidelines for further details and information. Note that the revised logo and brand exclusion set out below will apply for this event.</p> <p>Please refer to our Standard Terms of Entry below for full information on what is permitted and for the consequences of any breach of the dress code.</p>
Ranking Points:	<p>Ranking points will be awarded in accordance with the latest Ranking Points schedule available at our website.</p>
Seeding cut-off:	<p>The official two-year WWS Rankings after the 2024 Albanian Women's Open shall be used to seed this event.</p> <p>The defending champion will be number 1 seed and the reigning world champion will be seeded number 2. The remaining players will be seeded in accordance with the world rankings.</p>
Seeding and PR activities:	<p>There will be two seeded players allocated to each group during the round-robin stages (subject to change depending on the number of entries). Seeding will be based upon the WWS Rankings and the winners of events staged by recognised Regional Federations i.e. EBSA, APSBF, PABSA and ABSC.</p> <p>Players of the same nationality shall be separated in the round-robin group draw where possible.</p> <p>All players are required to attend two (2) PR activities including the opening ceremony.</p>
Logos and brand exclusion:	<p>Players are permitted to wear up to four sponsor logos, to include two logos to be provided by the promoter and two personal sponsors.</p> <p>No personal sponsor shall be placed above other logos and no more than two logos are to be worn on one side of the waistcoat.</p> <p>Players' personal logo(s) including or indicating political orientation, racial discrimination, gender discrimination, terrorism and any contents that go against the public interests, or in relation to betting, sex,</p>

violence, tobacco, or inappropriate for exhibition, and any contents prohibited by decree in Law of Advertisement and/or relevant regulations, the Organizing Committee is entitled to prohibit the player from wearing such logo(s).

These rules will be strictly enforced at this event.

Hotels:

Official Hotel - Huihua International

Address: 45 Changping Avenue, Changping Town, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province

It is a requirement of the local government that all participants must stay at the official hotel the Huihua International. Anyone booked at a different hotel will not be allowed to play.

A special discounted rate is available – view details at the bottom of this entry pack. To book please email 450857546@qq.com



International Travel:

Players travelling from the UK are directed to the Government's Foreign Travel Advice to China: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

Visa Requirements

Foreign citizens must obtain a Visa for China (Mainland Only) before entry into China, with the exception of visa-free entry based on relevant agreements or regulations.

To request a letter in support of your visa application please contact:

- Yan Qian (AKA Nancy)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mail: cbsa@sports.cn • Telephone:+86 (0) 10 87189685 • Fax:+86 (0) 10 87187887 • Mobile:+86 18101352487 • We-Chat: ICE-Nancy <p>You will need to provide a copy of your passport and details as to which consulate or visa centre you will be applying to.</p> <p>Please note that you may not receive a response from 9-16 February 2024 due to the Chinese New Year holiday period.</p> <p>We have also produced specific advice for UK travellers which is available HERE.</p> <p><u>Travel - By air</u></p> <p>Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport (72km / 45 miles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxi recommended (45-60 minutes depending on traffic). Advised cost is approximately 250-350 RMB which is around £27-£35. <p>Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport (87km / 54 miles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxi recommended (90 minutes depending on traffic). Advised cost is approximately 350-450 RMB which is around £38-£48.
Extras:	<p>Local Advice</p> <p>For further local advice relating to your stay in China and/or the venue, please contact the event promoter Bobby Lee +86 13632521151 via WhatsApp.</p> <p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>There will be an official opening ceremony/meal on Sunday 10 March 2024 [NB This may change to Monday 11 March TBC]. All players must attend. Further information will follow closer to the event.</p> <p>Rules</p> <p>The tournament will be played in accordance with the latest WPBSA Rules of Snooker and Billiards Rulebook available to view at the WPBSA website. It is the responsibility of the players to be aware of the current rules.</p>
Further questions:	<p>If you have any further questions about the tournament then please do not hesitate to contact the team.</p>



Huihua International Hotel

45 Changping Avenue, Changping Town, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province

Room Type	Room Rate (CNY)	Discounted WWS Rate (CNY)		Floors
		Double bed	Twin bed	
Business Room	839	259	259	19F-27F
Business Room VPN*	869	289	289	22F/23F/27F
Executive Room	939	279	279	28F-30F
Executive Room VPN*	969	309	309	28F
Business Suite	1119	459	- -	7F-27F
Deluxe Executive Suite	1399	559		28F-30F
Presidential Suite	8889	999		30F
Extra Bed	100	100		100

Remarks

1. The rate may be change from the normal days to the weekends. This rate during the canton fair shall be different.
2. According to the procedures, when you check in, we will notify our guests in advance if the rate has changed.
3. Reservations can be made via e-mail 450857546@qq.com or telephone: +86 (0)769-83938888, Mobile:+86 13728198755, Fax: +86 (0)769-83028288. Ms. Chen, Sales & Marketing.
4. Credit Card (Mastercard, Visa, JCB, American Express, Diners Club International) and cash in Chinese yuan, Union Pay are accepted.

Favorable Services

1. Check out before 12:00noon, customers may request a late check-out before 14:00pm subject to room availability.
2. Free WiFi access with WI-FI cable in the room.
3. Free access to gym and swimming pool.
4. Two breakfasts are included daily.
5. Free daily mineral water delivery per room, more than 30 types of free drinks in the beverage bar, report room number for self pickup.
6. The hotel is equipped with electric car charging facilities with standard fees.
7. Guests may scan the QR code at the reception desk to enjoy 88 butler services, including free Laundry, and drying services (any underwear next to your skin and ironing are excluded), non-fading or shrinking clothes, and special material clothes (such as down, sweater, leather clothes). For details please check with the reception.

*VPN: Room with access to international internet



WWS STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2.3

Issued: 28th December 2023



All events that are part of the World Women's Snooker Tour are subject to the following Standard Conditions of Entry which are subject to change at the discretion of World Women's Snooker ('WWS'). **Please be reminded that all players are responsible for keeping WWS up to date with their current email address.**

WPBSA Members Rules and Disciplinary Rules

All Players: From the date of entry to any WWS event until 28 days after the conclusion of the event all players entering WWS events are bound by the WPBSA Conduct Regulations.

The General Obligations under the Members Rules can be found here:

<https://wpbsa.com/governance/members-rules/>

Please ensure that you have read and understand the terms and conditions of entry, rules and regulations of the WPBSA.

Entry Criteria: All WWS ranking events are open to women players of any age or nationality, subject to board approval. Players must be a member of OR in good standing with their National Governing Body.

Entry/closing dates: Entry fees (cleared funds) for all WWS tournaments must be received together with a completed entry form by 12:00pm GMT/BST on the relevant closing date as set out within each tournament entry pack in order for your entry to be accepted into the event. Entry fees are non-refundable following the event entry deadline & payable via bank transfer or PayPal. Late entries may be accepted after the closing date at the absolute discretion of WWS.

Prize Money: Prize money for each event is defined on the Event Entry Form. The sterling equivalent amount of prize money will be paid unless specified otherwise within the Entry Form, either by WWS or the event promoter, after deduction of any local withholding tax as applicable. An original

withholding tax certificate for each player will be produced & sent to you which may be used to reclaim the WHT against your tax liabilities. For payment to be paid directly into your account WWS will disclose your bank details to the event promoter. It is the players' sole responsibility to ensure WWS has a completed up to date bank nomination form at all times, blank forms to be available at each event.

Rankings: Players will receive ranking points as outlined in the Indicative Prize Money Rankings Points Schedule for the current season.

Seeding Structure – Unless otherwise stated in the Event Entry Pack the defending champion will be number 1 seed and the reigning world champion will be seeded number 2. The remaining players will be seeded according to the official WWS world ranking list, in line with the number of entries. Players on equal ranking points will be seeded based on the best performance (stage/round reached through winning a match) working backwards from the most recent ranking event.

Unseeded players will be drawn at random. WWS reserves the right of host nation or national governing body to separate players according to player nationality as far as practicable.

Seeding cut-off: The event seedings will be determined by the ranking list issued following the previous tournament. WWS reserves the right to change the number of players to be seeded for a tournament subject to entry numbers.

PR Activities: Where specified within the event entry pack, players are to attend from

the start of the tournament for PR activities when seeded through group stages.

Draw & Format: Draw & Format: Each event draw will be conducted by WWS (in conjunction with the promoter where applicable) as soon as possible after the closing date of entry & relevant seeding cut-off date. Event formats are subject to change dependent on entry numbers.

In the event of a withdrawal after the draw has been made, we reserve the right to rebalance the groups to provide maximum playing opportunities. For example, should a withdrawal mean that there are groups of 3, 4, and 5, we may draw a non-seeded player from the groups of 5 to join any groups of 3.

Dress Code: Long-sleeved shirt or blouse, fastened waistcoat, smart trousers or skirt & smart shoes (no boots / trainers). Bow tie is optional unless otherwise stated in the Event Entry Pack. We do NOT allow footwear including trainers, running shoes, sneakers, sandals, slippers, boots or playing with bare feet. Please see refer to the official [WWS Dress Code Guidance](#) for further information. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final in respect of Non-adherence to the Dress Code. Non-compliance with the Dress Code will result in a breach of the terms and conditions of entry for this tournament. For the avoidance of doubt WWS may on the Tournament Director's discretion consider the appropriate sanction in this case MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of the entry fee. The Tournament Director also reserves the right to report a player to the WPBSA for a breach of the dress code.

Mobile Phones/Electronic Communication Devices: Players are NOT permitted to use any mobile phones or other electronic communication devices during the course of a match, unless during permitted breaks of at least 15 minutes. Any player seen in breach of this by any WWS tournament official or referee will be reported to the Tournament Director and will be dealt with by the Tournament Director on conclusion of the

match. The Tournament Director will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating circumstances. The only available sanction in this case to be at the discretion of the tournament director MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Directors decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances.

Smoking/E-cigarettes: Players are NOT permitted to smoke or use e-cigarettes during the course of a match, unless during permitted breaks of at least 15 minutes. Any player seen in breach of this by any WWS tournament official or referee will be reported to the Tournament Director and will be dealt with by the Tournament Director on conclusion of the match. The Tournament Director will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating circumstances. The only available sanction in this case to be at the discretion of the tournament director MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Directors decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances.

Coaching: Coaching is not permitted during play. For the avoidance of doubt this includes via smartwatches and between frames during the current session, unless during permitted breaks of at least 15 minutes. Any player seen in breach of this by any WWS tournament official or referee will be reported to the Tournament Director and will be dealt with by the Tournament Director on conclusion of the match. The Tournament Director will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating circumstances. The only available sanction in this case to be at the discretion of the tournament director MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Directors decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances.

Grievances:

a. Should the Player wish to make any criticism or complaint or raise any grievance in respect of any matter relating to WWS or its employees or directors, a Referee, Tournament, Director, Equipment, any of the Partners or any of the Venues at any time then the Player shall do so by:

- i. Contacting the Referee for those complaints relating to Equipment or other item which affects the Player's ability to play snooker during a Match.
- ii. Contacting the Tournament Director for those complaints arising during a WWS Event.
- iii. Contacting a board member in writing for any other complaint or grievance.

Any player found to have made public any grievance outside of the above options shall be reported to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will then determine whether any sanction is required taking account of any mitigating circumstances. At the discretion of the tournament director sanction MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee and/or referral to the WPBSA.

Social Media Guidelines: Players are to be aware of the [WPBSA Social Media Guidelines](#). Please note that a breach of the WPBSA social media guidelines is likely to be reported to the WPBSA disciplinary process.

Transgender Policy: WWS and its events operate in accordance with the official WPBSA Trans and Gender Diverse Policy. Any breach of this Policy is likely to be referred to the WPBSA disciplinary process.

Age Restricted Tournaments: Players aged 20 or under on the last day of an event will be eligible to enter an Under-21 side-tournament. Players aged 40 or over on the first day of an event will be eligible to enter a Seniors side-tournament.

Roaming Referees: If a dispute arises in a match where there is no match referee,

either player has the right to call upon a roaming referee. In the event of there not being a roaming referee either player has the right to call upon the senior referee. If neither is available, either player may call the Tournament Director.

Lateness: Where a player arrives late for their scheduled match time, a frame will be docked at the scheduled start time. A second frame will be docked fifteen minutes later and then after every five minutes until the match is over. Regardless of the scheduled length of the match, once a player has been docked five frames the match is over.

Side-events: If a player is competing in both the main competition and a side-event during a tournament WWS reserves the right to withdraw a player from a side-event if required by the schedule. This decision is to be taken by the Tournament Director and the player removed would receive free entry to a future equivalent event.

Pre-tournament events: Players must attend any pre-tournament events where required by the WWS.

Logos: Players are permitted to wear up to four logos, to cover an area no greater than 6 square inches (38.7 square cm). WWS reserves the right to apply brand exclusion on an event-by-event basis. This will be notified clearly within the entry pack for each relevant tournament where applicable. WWS reserves the right to hold one logo place back for event title sponsor or WPBSA/WWS partner, players to be notified in advance.

Accommodation: Each player is responsible for the payment of their hotel and expenses at WWS events. If you request WWS to reserve you a room with the host country, WWS will assist in making a booking in the hotel/location, however following reservation, any changes, cancellation fees, early/late check in/out, travel to and from the airport are the responsibility of you the player unless agreed in advance by WWS. WWS will not be responsible for any charges incurred. If you do not pay for your hotel then this may be referred to the WPBSA who will

have the right to withhold prize money to pay any outstanding charges.

Cancellation/Relocation/Postponement: If a tournament is cancelled, relocated or postponed entry fees will be refunded.

Non-attendance: In the event that you cannot appear at a tournament that you have entered you must inform WWS (either the Tournament Director or info@womenssnooker.com) as soon as possible as this will impact upon the draw. If you do not inform us you this will be considered a breach of the Event Conditions and MAY be subject to the WPBSA disciplinary process.

Non-completion: Players must complete all of their scheduled matches at events unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you do not complete your matches this will be considered a breach of the Event Conditions and MAY be subject to the WPBSA disciplinary process. Players who do not complete all of their scheduled matches will forfeit any prize money and ranking points otherwise earned at the event.

Refusal to play: Should a player refuse to play a match for any reason, this will be considered a breach of the Event Conditions and MAY be subject to the WPBSA disciplinary process. Any such player will be withdrawn from the event immediately and will forfeit any prize money and ranking points otherwise earned at the event.

Photo/Video Consent: There are likely to be photographs and videos taken at WWS events. WWS may use such images for promotional material both at the current and future events and promotions across a number of media platforms.

Data Use: WWS will use the information you provide on your event entry to contact you and provide updates e.g. email newsletters. You can unsubscribe at any time. View our [Privacy Policy](#) online. WWS will also reserve the right to publish player names online, e.g. within match reports or tournament information across its media platforms.

Presentations: Medallists must be available to attend medal/trophy presentations if required by the WWS, unless explicitly permitted not to by the WWS.

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