



2023 ASIA PACIFIC SNOOKER & BILLIARDS FEDERATION

ASIA-PACIFIC WOMEN'S JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Under 21: 31st January to 3th February 2023

ASIA-PACIFIC WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

All Ages: 31st January to 3rd February 2023

BOTH WORLD WOMEN'S SNOOKER RANKING TOURNAMENTS

**Staged in Association with
The Asia Pacific Snooker & Billiards Federation
Mounties Club, Mt Pritchard, NSW**

ELIGIBILITY

Both events are open to all women players from around the world.

- Players are now eligible to enter directly on an individual basis, providing that they are considered to be in good standing with their National Federation.
- The WSF welcomes players and officials of all nationalities.
- Both events are open to women only.
- Players for the Junior Championship must be aged 20 or under on the last day of the event (3 February 2023).
- Players for the Open Championship may be any age.
- Both events are conducted in accordance with the standard WWS Terms & Conditions (attached)

ENTRY FEE

Please note an entry fee of **\$60.00 AUD** per player for the Junior Championship and **\$100.00 AUD** per player for the Open Championship must be paid online through the Asia Pacific Snooker & Billiards Federation website at <https://www.apsbf.com/event-entries.aspx>.

THE VENUE

Mounties Club, 101 Meadows Rd, Mount Pritchard NSW 2170

- The Mounties Club is a large social club located in Mount Pritchard in the south-west of Sydney. With over 77,000 members, the venue offers a wide variety of cuisines and eating options at its many restaurants and bars, together with entertainment options and places to relax. See <https://www.mounties.com.au/> for details of the facilities.
- The championships will be played on 12 tables, with a further two tables assigned for practice. All tables will be fitted with Strachan Superfine bed cloth and new steel block cushions with 8611 30oz cloth, together with tournament-standard lighting. Four tables will be located in a separate match room.
- A dedicated players' room will be available for those who wish to relax between matches, and will offer tea and coffee together with a live feed from the streamed match tables.

Entry to Mounties

- Mounties is a registered club and entry is only available to guests by producing Photo ID showing your current address each time you arrive at the club.
- This can involve some delay at busy times, so we encourage you to take out a Mounties Club membership. This costs just AUD\$12 and only requires you to produce some Photo ID showing your current address when you first visit. The membership card will give you a 10% discount on all food and drinks (so will pay for itself very quickly), and will enable you to enter the club with no delays, simply by scanning your card in the foyer each time you enter. Memberships last for 5 years.
- **Visitors aged under 18** are permitted to enter registered clubs only if accompanied by a person aged 18 and over. They must remain under adult supervision at all times, and are not allowed to consume alcohol or enter gambling facilities. **Supervising adults should ensure that all juniors are aware of these requirements and that they are properly enforced.**

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Early round robin matches will be played over **all three frames**. Knock out stages will commence from at least the last 16 stage, however, subject to total entries APSBF retains the right to extend the knockout stages to include more players, for example at the last 32 stage. Duration of matches for the knockout stages will be released at the time of issuing the draw and format of play.

DRESS CODE

The Dress code for both tournaments will be full formal dress code as approved by the WPBSA and World Women's Snooker. Guidance can be found here: <https://www.womenssnooker.com/wp-content/uploads/Player-Dress-Code-Guidelines-WWS2.pdf>

PLAYER LOGOS

Players are permitted to wear up to four logos, to cover an area no greater than 6 square inches (38.7 cm²) each. No more than two patches are worn on one side of a waistcoat and no player's sponsor shall conflict with the title sponsor of the Event or the WSF retained logo. One logo space must be reserved for the WSF event logo which will be provided to you on arrival at the event. This logo must be worn on the front of the waistcoat. Players may additionally wear a national flag or federation logo which will not count as one of your four sponsor logos.

ACCOMMODATION

The West of Sydney is an active and rapidly expanding region of New South Wales, located approximately 30km to the south-west of the Sydney CBD. There are a wide variety of hotel, serviced apartments, restaurants, and entertainment options in the centres closest to Mounties Club – Liverpool and Cabramatta – both of which are within 15 minutes’ drive of the championship venue.

Hotels in Australia are generally quite costly, and January / February is peak Summer -holiday time with many special events on the calendar. **We recommend that you book hotel accommodation as soon as possible to obtain the best rates.**

Players are free to book their own accommodation, however discounted rates have been arranged with the Mercure Hotel and the Ramada Hotel, and a regular shuttle bus service will operate from these hotels to Mounties Club.

Mercure Sydney, Liverpool (4 star)

424-458 Hoxton Park Road
Prestons, NSW 2170

Reservations :

+61(2) 8777 0600

reservations@mercureliverpool.com.au

<https://www.mercuresydneyliverpool.com.au/>

To get a 12% discount when booking quote the Preferential Code: *World Snooker Championships 2023*

Discounted rates are currently around AUD \$160 per night for a twin share room, with full breakfast available for \$25 per person. For other breakfast options see below.

A taxi to Mounties will cost around \$29 and take 14 minutes

Ramada Hotel and Suites Sydney Cabramatta

161 Hume Highway
Cabramatta, NSW 2166

Reservations :

+61(2) 9727 5255

bookings@ramadasydneycabramatta.com.au

<https://www.ramadasydneycabramatta.com.au/>

Discounted twin-share room rates start from AUD\$160 per night (depending on room type), including breakfast.

To get these rates booking should be made by email, to the attention of Jamie Choi, and quoting the Preferential Code: *SNOOKER*

A taxi to Mounties will cost around \$28 and take 16 minutes

TRANSPORT

No airport transport is provided for this event, however public transport is available from Sydney Airport.

- **Taxi** : Taxi fares from the airport to the hotel precinct and Mounties will be around \$75 and take 30 minutes.
- **Uber** : Uber and other services are readily available in Australia, but beware of surge pricing which can raise fares significantly during busy periods.
- **Train** : Trains to Liverpool Station leave regularly from the Sydney Airport International and Domestic terminals. The journey takes around 45 minutes and will cost \$20. Train travel requires the purchase of an Opal Card, which can be obtained at the Airport stations. Taxis to the suggested hotels are available at the station.

The competition and practice venue – Mounties Club - is 4km – 6km from the suggested hotels. A regular free shuttle bus service will operate from the Mercure Hotel and Ramada Hotel, and taxi fares to the venue will be around \$25 one way. There is no reliable public transport between the suggested hotels and the Mounties Club.

VISAS / FOOD / CURRENCY

Visas

All overseas participants will require a visa to travel to Australia. If you need a letter of support to obtain a visa, please contact the ABSC Secretary at secretary@absc.com.au. Information on Australian visas can be found at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder>

Food

The Mounties Club offers a wide variety of cuisines and eating options at its many restaurants and bars, including Chinese, Vietnamese and International. Many options are also available at the listed hotels and surrounding areas.

Breakfast

Most hotels offer breakfast as an option, but it can be expensive. However all hotels have a number of cafes and other food outlets close by, and excellent and economical breakfast choices are available
Mounties :

Coffee shop - Fresh at Mounties

Monday – Saturday | 7am to 2pm (closed Sunday)

Cafe – Mounties Terrace Café

Daily | 9am to late

Currency

All major credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants, shops and at Mounties Club. Local currency is Australian Dollars (AUD).

COVID-19

Players intending to travel from outside of Australia to compete in the events should plan to travel under the latest rules and guidance for international arrivals to Australia available via the following link: [International travel and COVID-19 | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)

Australian Government guidance and requirements are constantly changing, and we strongly advise you to check the latest rules before travel.

PRIZE MONEY

Prize Money for the 2023 APSBF Women's Junior Championship (in AUD\$)

	Number	Individual Prize	Round Total
Winner	1	\$1,000	\$1,000
Runner-up	1	\$500	\$500
Semi-finalist	2	\$250	\$500
Quarter-finalist	4	\$125	\$500
High break	1	\$250	\$250
Total			\$2,750

Prize Money for the 2023 APSBF Women's Open Championship (in AUD\$)

	Number	Individual Prize	Round Total
Winner	1	\$6,000	\$6,000
Runner-up	1	\$3,000	\$3,000
Semi-finalist	2	\$1,500	\$3,000
Quarter-finalist	4	\$750	\$3,000
Last 16	8	\$250	\$2,000
Highest Break	1	\$500	\$500
Total			\$17,500

How to enter:

Entries will only be taken online at <https://www.apsbf.com/event-entries.aspx> Closing date: **Friday 6 January 2023 at 4:30pm GMT**

Late entries will not be accepted





WWS STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2.1

Issued: 21st June 2022



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 4:30pm 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 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.

WWS Disciplinary Procedure: In the event of any breach of these terms and conditions

reported by the Tournament Director or any other party the [WWS Disciplinary Rules](#) shall apply.

Transgender Policy: WWS and its events operate in accordance with the official WPBSA Trans and Gender Diverse Policy.

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 WWS Disciplinary Rules.

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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