



2019 WORLD WOMENS BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

On behalf of World Billiards Limited (WBL), the World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association (WPBSA) and the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council (ABSC), I have the pleasure of inviting you to enter the 2019 Sylex Ergonomics World Women's Billiards Championship, to be held on October 11th and 12th 2019.

The event will commence with a group stage (round-robin), played under the timed format.

Please visit this page for links to the registration process: <http://world-billiards.com/?p=14736>.

You must register and pay by 1.00 pm GMT on 25th September.

The entry fee is GBP £30.00 per player (plus a handling fee applies to credit card and PayPal payments).

Many players will need a visa to visit Australia. We can supply invitation letters that will facilitate this process. We will need the passport details of the player and anyone accompanying the player.

The draw, calendar of events and live results will be published on www.world-billiards.com.

Please ensure that you are aware of all the terms and conditions of entry contained within this document.

Yours Sincerely

Jason Colebrook Managing Director WBL	Frank Dewens President ABSC	Jason Ferguson Chairman WPBSA



TOURNAMENT RULES/TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Host city: Melbourne, Australia
Dates: World Women's Billiards Championship 11th & 12th October 2019
Host Associations: WBL | ABSC | WPBSA

ASSOCIATION CONTACTS

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VENUE INFORMATION

Venue address: RACV City Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne, 3001
Tel no: +61 (0)3 9944 8888
Website Address: www.racv.com.au/travel-leisure/racv-club/city-club.html
No. of match tables: 8
Tables: Traditional. Not heated.
Cloth: Strachan 6811 Tournament 30oz
Balls: Aramith Tournament Champion Pro-Cup 
Scoring system: Mixture of electronic and traditional roller scoreboards
Air Conditioning: Yes
Floor covering: Carpet
Seating / spectators: 100

CURRENCY

Local currency is Australian dollars (\$AUD).

ACCOMMODATION

It is a condition of entry that all competitors requiring accommodation must stay in the officially appointed hotel – either the RACV City Club or another appointed hotel in close proximity to the event venue depending on availability. All accommodation must be booked by competitors/NGBs directly with the event's organising committee.

Championship Hotel: RACV City Club
Address: 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne, 3001
Email address for booking: billiardschampionship@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.billiardschampionship.com/accommodation.html>

Competitor's Single/Double/Twin room rate = \$150 AUD (including breakfast, wi-fi & taxes).

Please note that rooms are available on a first come first served basis.

TRAVEL

Nearest international airport: Melbourne International Airport
Travel from airport to hotel: Approximately 20 minutes off-peak, 40 minutes in peak times.

Skybus: <https://www.skybus.com.au/melbourne-city-express/>. Departs regularly from Melbourne International Airport, 24 hours a day, less than \$20 AUD one way, delivers passengers to Southern Cross Train station which is 700 metres from the RACV Club. There are free trams, or it is not a long walk.

VISAS

Visas are required by many countries.

Players requiring visa invitation letters should email jason.colebrook@world-billiards.com with a copy of the photos page from their passport.

HOW TO ENTER

Follow the links on this page: <http://world-billiards.com/?p=14736>

You will need to log-in/register to the World Billiards web site, complete the event registration form, and pay your entry fee.

ENTRY FEES

The World Women's Billiards Championship entry fee is GBP £30 per player.

If paying by PayPal or credit card there is a 5% handling fee.

WITHDRAWALS

In the event of a withdrawal after the entry deadline there will be no refund of entry fees. Players withdrawing after the entry deadline or not completing matches will be referred to the WPBSA disciplinary committee.

PLAYING FORMAT & STRUCTURE

The World Women's Billiards Championship playing format will be timed matches. The tournament will commence on Friday 11th October at 10.00am, and finish on Saturday 12th October.

There will be a closing ceremony, including trophy presentations, immediately following the Open World Championship final, with finger food and drinks provided.

See the end of this document for a full breakdown of the schedule.

PRACTICE

There will be no dedicated practice tables or practice sessions, however some match tables will be available to players in the evenings after tournament play has concluded.

LIVE STREAMING

We hope to live stream the final of the World Women's Billiards Championship.

WORLD WOMEN'S BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE MONEY

The total prize fund is broken down as follows:

Winner	£1,300	+ Trophy, Certificate and Gold Medal
Runner Up	£650	+ Trophy, Certificate and Silver Medal
Semi Finalists	£325	+ Certificate and Bronze Medal
High Break	£150	+ Certificate
TOTAL	£2,750	

A levy of 2.5% will be deducted at source from all prize money for payment to the WPBSA for governance.

All prize money will be paid within 2 weeks of the completion of the tournament by the WBL. Players with UK bank accounts will be paid by bank transfer; others will have prize winnings paid into their nominated PayPal account. For players where neither of those methods is practical, other arrangements will be made.

PRIIZE MONEY TAX

None of the WBL, ABSC nor WPBSA offer tax advice and players are to be aware that they are solely responsible for their own tax arrangements.

GOVERNANCE

Players entering any of the events associated with this World Championship will be subject to WPBSA governance. All details of this can be found on the WPBSA website: <https://www.wpbsa.com/governance/>

We draw your particular attention to the following documents:

- WPBSA Disciplinary Rules
- WPBSA Anti-Doping Rules
- WPBSA Child Protection Policy
- WPBSA Social Media Guidelines

GOVERNANCE (continued)

Players entering this tournaments are bound by all WPBSA's governance procedures and World Billiards terms & conditions of entry contained within this document. Any breaches of these rules will be referred to the WPBSA disciplinary committee and reported to the National Governing Body of the player concerned.

Where the behaviour of a player or official at an event breaches the tournament rules, the Tournament Controller may instruct the person to immediately vacate the premises and may advise the person when and if they might return. The Tournament Controller's decision will have immediate effect. In such circumstances the player will be referred to the WPBSA for consideration as to any disciplinary action.

These policies do not prevent national governing bodies taking their own actions against players who breach their own rules.

DRUG TESTING

Players may be subject to drug testing in accordance with the WADA drugs in sport code. More information can be found [here](#).

DRESS CODE & LOGOS

Women: dark trousers or dark skirts, no shorter than kneecap, shall be worn to all match sessions. Predominately plain coloured shirts or blouses with sleeves below the elbow, and waistcoats must be worn for all matches. Dark coloured dress shoes shall be worn to all sessions and can be open or closed toe shoes.

Exemption from adhering to the dress code will only be given to players who provide valid & current (not older than 12 months) medical evidence prior to the commencement of the event.

The Tournament Controller will be the sole judge of whether any dress is deemed unsuitable and his decision will be final.

ALCOHOL

Alcohol must NOT be consumed during the course of a match.

Players must NOT be under the influence of alcohol when competing in a match.

SMOKING

Players are NOT permitted to use e-cigarettes/vaporizers or smoke during the course of a match, unless during scheduled breaks of at least 15 minutes. There is no smoking anywhere within the RACV Club.

COACHING

Coaching is NOT permitted during the course of a match unless during scheduled breaks of at least 15 minutes.

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 scheduled breaks of at least 15 minutes.

Electronic devices may be used solely for the purposes of timing a match. In this instance they must be set to 'aircraft mode' and not used for any other purpose. Use of timers is permitted providing the timer is set to finish a few seconds *after* the main tournament timer and/or there is no audible alarm.

BREACH OF MOBILE PHONES/SMOKING/COACHING/ALCOHOL/DRESS CODE

Any player seen in breach of these rules by any tournament official or referee will be reported to the Tournament Controller and will be dealt with by the Tournament Controller on conclusion of the match. The Tournament Controller 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 Controller MAY be withdrawal from the tournament without refund of entry fee. The Tournament Controller's decision will be final in respect of exceptional mitigating circumstances.

PLAYING RULES

Both events will be played to the rules of English Billiards as published by the [WPBSA](#) in August 2019 (which are available to download [here](#)). The Baulk-line Crossing Rule will be applied in the World Championship but not the World Open or World Women's Billiards Championships.

LATENESS

In the event of a player not being at the table ready to play a match at the stipulated start time the following penalties will apply:

LATE FOR START OF MATCH	100 points conceded
15 MINUTES LATE	+100 points conceded
EACH 5 MINUTES LATE THEREAFTER	+50 points conceded
END OF MATCH	Match conceded after 30 minutes

Penalties are awarded at the next time marker. Thus, a player arriving 1 minute late for a timed match starts 100 points behind but can begin just before 15 minutes late without incurring further penalty.

Time lost by being late cannot be reclaimed. All timed matches will start at the same time, but each table will have an individual clock which determines when that match ends. The referee has control of the clock and may stop it and restart it as any situation dictates.

The late player automatically loses the string; options of breaking and which ball to use are therefore with the non-offending player.

If a group match is conceded in its entirety the non-offending player receives the average score from their other group matches and the offending player scores zero.

PRESS & PUBLICITY

Players may be required to participate in PR activities such as interviews, videos and photographs during these championships. These may be used for promotional material both at the current and future events across a number of media platforms and players identified online e.g. website and social media.

Matches may be live-streamed/recorded for future sale on DVD or uploading to video websites.

PLAYERS MEETING & PRESENTATIONS

Medallists must attend trophy presentations unless explicitly exempted by the WBL.

GRIEVANCES

Should a Player wish to make any criticism or complaint or raise any grievance in respect of any matter relating to WBL, the ABSC or their employees or directors, a referee, tournament official, Volunteer, tournament 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 during a match.
- II. Contacting the Tournament Controller for those complaints arising during the event.
- III. Contacting a WBL or ABSC board member in writing for any other complaint or grievance.

GRIEVANCES (continued)

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

SCHEDULE

Fri	25 th Sep	Closing date for entry of players into the World Women's Billiards Championship
Sun	6 th Oct	'World Open' (Group Stages)
Mon	7 th Oct	'World Open' (KO Stages + Challenge Cup)
Tues	8 th Oct	World Championship (Group Stages)
Wed	9 th Oct	World Championship (Group Stages)
Thu	10 th Oct	World Championship (Group Stages) (Last 24) (Last 16)
Fri	11 th Oct	World Championship (Quarters) & (Semis) World Women's Championship (group stages)
Sat	12 th Oct	World Championship (Final) World Women's Championship (Semis and Final) Closing Ceremony

Schedule subject to change depending on entry numbers