

# **World Snooker Federation Junior Championship**

Under 18: 31<sup>st</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

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All ages: 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Winners Receive Qualification to the Professional World Snooker Tour

### Staged in Association with The Australian Billiards & Snooker Council Mounties Club, Mt Pritchard, NSW

12th September 2022

Dear Players, dear friends,

On behalf of the World Snooker Federation (WSF) Board of Directors, we are delighted to invite you to take part in the World Snooker Federation Championship Open Events.

The WSF Events will consist of two tournaments where each champion will **qualify to compete on the professional World Snooker Tour** for a minimum of two years starting from the 2023/24 season.

Together with the World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association (WPBSA), we look forward to welcoming you to the wonderful city of Sydney in Australia.

Yours in sport,

Maxime Cassis General Secretary World Snooker Federation

Jason Ferguson President World Snooker Federation

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Frank Dewens President Australian Billiards & Snooker Council



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#### ELIGIBILITY

Both events are open to all amateur players from around the world. The WSF welcomes players and officials of all nationalities and genders.

- 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.
- Both events are mixed gender.
- Players for the Junior Championship must be under the age of 18 up to and including the 31st December 2022.
- Players for the Open Championship may be any age.

#### ENTRY PROCESS

All players must be entered through WPBSA SnookerScores, the official WSF Tournament Management system for the event.

Closing date: Friday 6 January 2023 at 4:30pm GMT

#### All participants, including referees and players guests must be registered through the official WSF Tournament Manager System.

#### **ENTRY FEE**

Please note an entry fee of €60.00 (euros) per player for the Junior Championship competition and €100.00 (euros) per player for the WSF Championship must be paid online through WPBSA SnookerScores before 4:30pm GMT on Friday 6 January 2023.

All entry payments **MUST** be made via www.snookerscores.net using the PayPal system to make payment. You DO NOT need to have your own PayPal account to make payments this way as nearly all international debit and credit cards are accepted through this entry system. No player will be allowed to take part if payment is not made before the deadline

If you are unable to pay through the PayPal system due to geographical restrictions for example, you can make a bank transfer to:

#### **UBS ACCOUNT NAME: WORLD SNOOKER FEDERATION** IBAN: CH23 0024 3243 2347 8360N

## **BIC/SWIFT: UBSWCHZH80A**

If you are forced to use this method, you must use the player who is entering's name as the payment reference and you are then required to immediately contact us informing us that payment has been made, stating the date and amount paid, clearly stating the players name, and confirming they have entered and agreed to the entry conditions.

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#### 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 <u>https://www.mounties.com.au/</u> 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 in a separate room where there will be a main TV streaming table.

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 table.

#### **Entry to Mounties**

Mounties is a registered club and entry is only available to <u>guests</u> by producing Photo ID showing your current address each time you arrive at the club. Players and Officials will receive a pass for the duration of the event free of charge. Registration will be required on your first visit to the club. Players under 18 will receive an additional pass free of charge for a supervising adult/parent/guardian.

This can involve some delay at busy times, so we encourage your guests to take out a Mounties Club <u>membership</u>. 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. <u>Supervising adults should ensure that all juniors are aware of these requirements and that they are properly enforced</u>.



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#### **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

Early round robin matches will be played over a minimum of best of five frames. Knock out stages will commence from at least the last 16 stage, however, subject to total entries WSF 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 Snooker Tour, i.e., Waistcoat, bow tie, smart trousers, dress shirt and dress shoes with socks. Please note that clothes must be clean and worn correctly. For further guidance please see the guide linked <u>here</u>

#### PLAYER LOGOS

Players are permitted to wear up to four logos, to cover an area no greater than 6 square inches (38.7 cm<sup>2</sup>) 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 of the country they are representing and/or their federation logo which will not count as one of the four sponsor logos. WSF retains the right to refuse any logo.



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#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS (all held at Mounties Club):

Monday 30th January	Junior Championship Players Welcome Meeting (evening)
Tuesday 31 January	Start of the 2023 WSF Junior Championship Group Matches
Friday 3rd February	2023 WSF Junior Championship Final Day 2023 WSF Championship Players meeting (afternoon) Start of the 2023 WSF Championship Group Matches 2023 WSF Junior Championship Presentation and Official Ceremony (evening)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Final of the 2022 WSF Championship Presentation & Closing ceremony (evening)

#### 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. <u>We recommend that you book</u> <u>hotel accommodation as soon as possible to obtain the best rates.</u>

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 to Mounties Club.

We have listed below several hotels within about 15 minutes' drive of Mounties Club, however there are numerous others that will be available on travel booking sites.

### Preferred Hotels (with regular scheduled shuttle to Mounties)

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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 pp twin share, with full breakfast available for \$25 per person. For other breakfast options see below.

Taxi to Mounties: approx \$29 14 minutes 6.4 Km

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 <u>email</u>, to the attention of Jamie Choi, and quoting the Preferential Code: **Snooker** 

Taxi to Mounties: approx \$28 16 minutes 6.5 Km

#### **OTHER ACCOMMODATION in the Liverpool area**

<u>El Toro Motor Inn (budget option)</u> 6 Homepride Avenue Warwick Farm, NSW 2170

Reservations: **Use travel booking websites to obtain best rates.** +61(2) 9602 7077 <u>https://www.eltoromotorinn.com.au/</u>

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Taxi to Mounties:approx \$2312 minutes5.3 Km

Quest Serviced Apartments Liverpool (offers some two-bedroom apartments) 39 Scott Street Liverpool, NSW 2170

Reservations: **Contact Quest directly** +61(2) 8738 0900 https://www.questapartments.com.au/properties/nsw/liverpool/quest-liverpool/

Taxi to Mounties: approx \$25 13 minutes 5.5 Km

Ibis budget Casula (budget option) 437 Hume Highway, Corner of Grove Street CASULA, NSW 2170

Reservations: **Use travel booking websites to obtain best rates.** +61(2) 9822 2777 https://all.accor.com/hotel/3721/index.en.shtml

Taxi to Mounties: approx \$27 19 minutes 7.8 Km

#### **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

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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

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

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.

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

#### 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 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

#### 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.



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#### PRIZE MONEY

	Number	Individual Prize	Round Total
Winner	1	€5,000*	€5,000*
Runner-up	1	€2,000	€2,000
Semi-finalist	2	€1,000	€2,000
Quarter-finalist	4	€350	€1,400
Last 16	8	€150	€1,200
Highest Break	1	€400	€400
Total			€12,000

#### Prize Money for the 2023 WSF Junior Championship (in Euros)

\*For the WSF Juniors Champion, a two-year World Snooker Tour Card will be awarded. Winner's Prize Money of €3,000 to be paid immediately following the event. A further €2,000 will be withheld until participation in first qualifying match on World Snooker Tour. Should the winner not take up his or her place on the World Snooker Tour the 2-year World Snooker Tour Card will be offered to the Runner-up along with an additional €2,000.

	Number	Individual Prize	Round Total
Winner	1	€8,500*	€8,500*
Runner-up	1	€3,250	€3,250
Semi-finalist	2	€1,500	€3,000
Quarter-finalist	4	€600	€2,400
Last 16	8	€300	€2,400
Highest Break	1	€450	€450
Total			€20,000

#### Prize Money for the 2023 WSF Championship (in Euros)

\*For the WSF Championship winner, a two-year World Snooker Tour Card will be awarded. Winner's Prize Money of €6,500 to be paid immediately following the event. A further €2,000 will be withheld until participation in first qualifying match on World Snooker Tour. Should the winner not take up his or her place on the World Snooker Tour the 2-year World Snooker Tour Card will be offered to the Runner-up along with an additional €2,000.



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