



WORLD SNOOKER FEDERATION

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World Snooker Federation Junior Championship

Juniors: 29th January to 2nd February 2024

World Snooker Federation Championship

All ages: 3rd to 11th February 2024

Winners Receive Qualification to the Professional World Snooker Tour

Staged in Association with
**The Albania Snooker Federation (ASF) and,
The Grand Blue Fafa Resort
Golem, Durrës – ALBANIA**

3 October 2023

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 tournaments.

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 2024/25 season.

Together with the World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association (WPBSA), we look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful 'Fafa-Resort' at the city of Durrës, Albania.

Yours in sport,

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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 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 19 up to and including 2 February 2024.
- 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.

- ENTER THE JUNIOR EVENT [HERE](#)
- ENTER THE OPEN EVENT [HERE](#)

Closing date: **Friday 5th January 2024 at 12:00pm 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 12:00pm GMT on Friday 5 January 2024.

All entry payments **MUST** be made via www.snookerscores.net. No player will be allowed to take part if payment is not made before the deadline

If you are unable to pay restrictions for example, please contact us by email at mail@worldsnookerfederation.org



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THE VENUE & THE HOTEL

Grand Blue Fafa Resort, Golem 1000 – ALBANIA
<https://www.grandbluefafa.al> – Tel: +355 69 708 6352

The championships will be played on 12 Xing Pai tables, with a further two tables assigned for practice. All tables will be fitted with Strachan Superfine bed cloth together with tournament-standard lighting.

Room Prices per night including Full-Board Accommodation:

- Single room: €94
- Twin or Double room : €128 (€64/person)
- Triple room: €192 (€64/person)

All prices include Full-board Accommodation (breakfast, lunch & dinner) and all drinks when sitting at the restaurant.

Drinks at the bar are not included in the offer of Full-Board.

Accommodation for the full duration of stay **must be paid in Euro currency** at the hotel reception upon arrival (Credit, debit card or cash accepted).

IMPORTANT CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION:

ALL PLAYERS, REFEREES AND OFFICIALS MUST BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE GRAND BLUE FAFA RESORT. ANYONE BOOKED AT A DIFFERENT HOTEL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY.

To book your room using WPBSA SnookerScores please complete the following steps:

- 1) After you have entered the event, click the main menu and then click “My Player”
- 2) Underneath your entry click the “Edit Travel Details” button
- 3) Complete the requested information for you and any guests.

Hotel / Travel data must be submitted via WPBSA SnookerScores by 12:00pm GMT on 5 January 2024.

Important: The Fafa resort is offering a special discount ONLY if you book your room online through the WSF booking system.



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TRANSPORT

Transfers Airport/Hotel/Airport are available as follows:

Participants will be met at TIRANA airport by Albania Snooker Federation representatives upon arrival subject to your arrival information being correctly completed within your Travel details within WPBSA SnookerScores.

The return transfer costs (Airport/Fafa Resort/Airport) are @ €20 / Person to be paid upon arrival to the host Association ASF.

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 [here](#)

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 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 the Grand Blue Fafa Resort):

Monday 29th January	Junior Championship Players Welcome Meeting (morning)
Monday 29th January	Start of the 2024 WSF Junior Championship Group Matches
Friday 2nd February	2024 WSF Junior Championship Final Day 2024 WSF Championship Players meeting (afternoon) 2024 WSF Junior Championship Presentation and Official Ceremony (evening)
Saturday 3rd February	Start of the 2024 WSF Championship Group Matches
Sunday 11th February	Final of the 2024 WSF Championship Presentation & Closing ceremony (evening)

VISAS

All European, and most of the Asian, American (North and South), Oceania participants will not require a visa to travel to Albania.

If you need a letter of support to obtain a visa, please contact the WSF General Secretary Maxime Cassis here : maximecassis@gmail.com – WhatsApp : +33611314641

Information on ALBANIA visas can be found at:

https://visaguide.world/europe/albania-visa/#google_vignette

CURRENCY

The official currency in Albania is the lek (plural: lekë). Banknotes are circulating in values of 200, 500, 1000, 2000 and 5000 lekë and there are coins of 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 lekë.

1 Euro = 108 Albanian Leke / 1 GBP (pound) = 126 Albanian Leke (31st August 2023)

Weather / Temperature

Durrës in February average monthly temperature is around Max. 15° C / Min. 7° C.



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PRIZE MONEY

Prize Money for the 2024 WSF Junior Championship (in Euros)

	Number	Individual Prize	Round Total
Winner	1	€6,000*	€6,000*
Runner-up	1	€2,500	€2,500
Semi-finalist	2	€1,250	€2,500
Quarter-finalist	4	€500	€2,000
Last 16	8	€200	€1,600
Highest Break	1	€400	€400
Total			€15,000

*For the WSF Juniors Champion, a two-year World Snooker Tour Card will be awarded. Winner's Prize Money of €4,000 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.

Prize Money for the 2024 WSF Championship (in Euros)

	Number	Individual Prize	Round Total
Winner	1	€10,000*	€10,000*
Runner-up	1	€4,000	€4,000
Semi-finalist	2	€2,000	€4,000
Quarter-finalist	4	€800	€3,200
Last 16	8	€400	€3,200
Highest Break	1	€600	€600
Total			€25,000

*For the WSF Championship winner, a two-year World Snooker Tour Card will be awarded. Winner's Prize Money of €8,000 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.