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World Snooker Federation Junior Championship

Juniors: 19th to 23rd January 2026

World Snooker Federation Championship

All ages: 24th January to 1st February 2026

Winners Receive Qualification to the Professional World Snooker Tour

World Snooker Federation Women's Championship

WWS: 19th to 23rd January 2026

(part of World Women's Snooker Tour ranking calendar including Open, U21 and Seniors events)

**Staged in Association with
Bulgaria Snooker Federation and,
The Hotel Marinela, Sofia / Bulgaria**

31st of October 2025

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 2026/27 season. Alongside the two tournaments, WSF will be hosting World Women's Snooker Tour ranking events.

Together with the World Professional Billiards & Snooker Association (WPBSA), we look forward to welcoming you to the beautiful 'Hotel Marinela' Sofia, Bulgaria.

Yours in sport,

Maxime Cassis
General Secretary
World Snooker Federation

Jason Ferguson
President
World Snooker Federation

Oleg Velinov
President
Bulgaria Snooker Federation



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ELIGIBILITY

WSF events are open to all amateur players from around the world. The WSF welcomes players and officials of all nationalities and genders. Please see World Women's Snooker terms and conditions for eligibility, rules and entry fees for WSF Women's Championship events.

- Players are eligible to enter directly on an individual basis. WSF reserves the right to refuse entry to any player.
- Both events are mixed gender open events.
- Players for the Junior Championship must be under the age of 19 up to and including 23rd January 2026.
- Players for the Open Championship may be any age.

ENTRY PROCESS

All players must be entered through **WPBSA SnookerScores** (www.snookerscores.net), the official WSF Tournament Management system for the events.

- ENTER THE JUNIOR EVENT [HERE](#)
- ENTER THE WOMEN'S EVENTS [HERE](#)
- ENTER THE OPEN EVENT [HERE](#)

Closing date: Friday 9th January 2026 at 1:00pm CET

All participants, including referees and players guests must be registered through the official WSF Tournament Manager System (www.snookerscores.net).

ENTRY FEE

Please note an entry fee of **€60.00 (euros)** per player for the Junior Championship and Women's competition and **€100.00 (euros)** per player for the WSF Championship must be paid online through WPBSA SnookerScores before 1:00pm CET on Friday 9th January 2026.

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 due to restrictions for example no access to Stripe, please contact us by email at mail@worldsnookerfederation.org

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THE VENUE & THE HOTEL

HOTEL MARINELA – SOFIA - BULGARIA

<https://hotel-marinela.com/> – Tel: +359 2 969 2222

The championships will be played on Xing Pai (STAR) tournament professional tables, with further tables assigned for practice. All tables will be fitted with Strachan Superfine bed cloth together with tournament-standard lighting and 1G competition snooker balls.

Room Prices (euros) per night including Breakfast:

Single standard room – €120 (one hundred and twenty), including 9% VAT

Double/Twin standard room – €140 (one hundred and forty), including 9% VAT

Triple standard room (with an added folding bed) – €190 (one hundred and ninety), including 9% VAT

There is an option to upgrade your accommodation to premium category rooms, this is an additional cost of €30 per room per night. Players/Guest can request this upgrade on arrival and is subject to availability.

A city tax of €1.67 per person per night is paid separately by guests and is not included in the room price. Accommodation for the full duration of stay (including any upgrades) **must be paid in Euro currency** at the hotel reception upon arrival (Credit, debit card or cash accepted).

FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT PLAYERS AND GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE NUMBER OF NIGHTS BOOKED. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR CHANGES AFTER ARRIVAL. SHOULD YOU NOT ARRIVE FOR THE ACCOMMODATION YOU HAVE BOOKED YOU WILL BE LIABLE FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION.

IMPORTANT CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION:

ALL PLAYERS, REFEREES AND OFFICIALS MUST BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE HOTEL MARINELA - SOFIA AND MUST BOOK THROUGH THE WSF TRAVEL FROM ON WWW.SNOOKERSCORES.NET

**PLAYERS MUST STAY FOR A MINIMUM OF:
JUNIOR / WOMEN – 18/01/26 – 22/01/2026 (4 nights)
OPEN - 23/01/2026 – 28/01/2026 (5 nights)**

ANYONE BOOKED AT A DIFFERENT HOTEL OR THROUGH A DIFFERENT BOOKING PLATFORM/AGENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY.

**ALL PLAYERS MUST SIGN IN AT THE TOURNAMENT OFFICE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:
JUNIOR / WOMEN – 18TH JANUARY BEFORE MIDNIGHT AT THE LATEST
OPEN - 23RD JANUARY BEFORE MIDNIGHT AT THE LATEST.**

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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 with flight details including return flight details must be submitted via WPBSA SnookerScores by:

WSF Junior / Women's Championship 1:00pm CET on Friday 9th January 2026.

WSF Open Championship 1:00pm CET on Friday 16th January 2026.

Following receipt of your completed travel details, the WSF will arrange your hotel booking directly with the hotel.

PLEASE NOTE: Any player who enters the event and does not subsequently attend/compete, will be liable to the WSF for the first night of their booked accommodation. Should reasonable notice of withdrawal be given, players will be provided the opportunity to appeal against this cost. The WSF reserves the right to not accept future tournament entries from such players until payment has been received in full.

TRANSPORT

Transfers Airport/Hotel/Airport are available as follows:

Participants will be met at Sofia International airport by Bulgaria Snooker Federation (BSF) representatives upon arrival subject to your arrival information being correctly completed with your Travel details within WPBSA SnookerScores (www.snookerscores.net).

The transfer costs (Airport/Hotel Marina/Airport) will be organised in Taxis for 2 to 3 persons at €20 per taxi/ one way to be paid upon arrival to the BSF representative at the airport or at the hotel for the return transfer.



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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. The draws for each event will not be published until the day before the start of each event.

DRESS CODE

The Dress code for the Junior and Open 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 formal shoes with socks. Sport shoes and high boots are not acceptable. Please note that clothes must be clean and worn correctly. For further guidance please see the guide linked [here](#).

Any applications for a dress code exemption must be received at least two weeks prior to the event starting.

PLAYER LOGOS –

Players are permitted to wear up to four of their own commercial 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 more than one on each sleeve or their shirt. 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. No stacking of multiple logos down one side will be permitted, and the Tournament Director's decision is final.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (all held at the Hotel Marinela):

Monday 19th January (9am local time)	Junior / Women's Championship Players Welcome Meeting
Monday 19th January	Start of the 2026 WSF Junior / Women's Championship Group Matches
Friday 23rd January	2026 WSF Junior Championship Final Day 2026 WSF Women's Championship Final Day 2026 WSF Championship Players meeting (6pm local time) 2026 WSF Junior / Women's Championship Presentation and Official Ceremony (evening TBC)
Saturday 24th January	Start of the 2026 WSF Championship Group Matches
Sunday 1st February	Final of the 2026 WSF Championship Presentation & Closing ceremony (evening TBC)

VISAS

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

If you need a letter of support to obtain a visa, please email your request along with a copy of your passport to: visa.bulgariansnooker@gmail.com

Information on BULGARIA visas can be found at:

<https://visaguide.world/europe/bulgaria-visa/>

CURRENCY

The Euro (Eur) will be the official monetary currency of Bulgaria starting from 1st January 2026.

Weather / Temperature

Sofia in January: The average daily maximum is 10 C° and the average daily minimum is 0 C°.



PRIZE MONEY

Prize Money for the 2026 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 2026 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.



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Prize Money for the 2026 WSF Women's Championship (in Euros)

	Number	Individual Prize	Round Total
Winner	1	€4,000	€4,000
Runner-up	1	€2,000	€2,000
Semi-finalist	2	€1,000	€2,000
Quarter-finalist	4	€500	€2,000
Last 16 *	8	€225	€1,800
Highest Break	1	€400	€400
Challenge Cup		€150/€100	€250
Seniors **		€150/€100/€50	€300
Under 21s**		€150/€100/€50	€300
Total			€13,050

*Subject to a minimum of 32 entries

** Subject to a minimum of 8 entries

