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CONTAINING THE TERMS
AND CONDITIONS TO
WHICH PLAYERS ARE
AGREEING WHEN THEY
ENTER THE 2014
SNOOKERBACKER
CLASSIC**

The Snookerbacker Classic 2014

Terms and Conditions

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SNOOKERBACKER CLASSIC 2014 TERMS & CONDITIONS

ENTRY TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SNOOKERBACKER CLASSIC SHALL BE CONDITIONAL UPON PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED ENTRY FEE AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING TERMS & CONDITIONS WHICH SHALL APPLY TO ALL PLAYERS. ALL PLAYERS ENTERING AND PLAYING IN THE TOURNAMENT WILL IN DOING SO, BE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THEY HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

ENTRY FEES

An Entry Fee of £50 is required for each individual entry and is non-refundable after the closing date for entries. However should for any reason the event be cancelled all entry fees will be refunded in full. Should a player who qualifies for Finals Day also be entered into a later qualifying event, their entry fee will be refunded for all events in full that they no longer need to participate in.

ENTRY FEES COVERING ALL EVENTS

Players who wish to enter all 9 qualifying heats in advance of the start of the tournament may do so for **a reduced price of £400** which is payable in advance of the first event. For this the player will receive entry for the final date in Gloucester on 15th February 2014 **free of charge**. Should the player qualify from a prior event they will be refunded any unspent entrance fees in full. However, should a player withdraw from an event for which they have paid a fee, they will not receive a refund unless their place is taken by another player and the event is full to capacity (see non-refundable entry fees above).

CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES

All events except for the Gloucester event on 15th February have capped numbers and when events are filled with all allocated places no further entries will be accepted. In certain circumstances a waiting list may be in operation pending any late withdrawals. However, any refund of entry fee for players who are replaced by a name on the waiting list are at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

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Payment can be made through Paypal as instructed at snookerbacker.com or through direct Bank Transfer, the details of which can be supplied by emailing snookerbacker@ymail.com

Players that withdraw from the event after the deadline for entries or who fail to attend the event will **not be eligible for a refund** of their entrance fee.

Please note that the Tournament Director may impose a handling fee of £2 for players wishing to register for the event through Paypal.

FORMAT/DRAW/PLAYING SCHEDULE

All entrants will be drawn to play in 9 individual knock-out tournaments. Entrants will only be entered into the event(s) specified when fees are paid. Places that are 'reserved' by agreement with the Tournament Director will only be confirmed on receipt of payment of entry fee. There will be no direct entries accepted on the day of the events.

The format and playing schedule will be determined by the number of entries and will appear in advance at snookerbacker.com

The draw for each tournament will be published on www.snookerbacker.com

It is the responsibility of the players to read information posted on the website and they will not be notified personally unless the website for any reason is unavailable.

The 1st Round draw will be random and will then follow a routed format.

Each qualifying event of 16 players will play down to 1 player who will qualify for Finals Day. For events with 32 players, the event will play down to 2 qualifiers. A further 2 qualifiers will be determined by an Order of Merit (see below).

The 16 players qualifying for the Finals will then be drawn randomly for the first stage, following which the Finals Day will follow a routed format.

All matches will be a minimum of Best of 7 frames with the exception of the final event in Gloucester on February 15th when a shorter format may be in operation depending on the number of entrants.

Players may only qualify for the Finals Day once.

THE SNOOKERBACKER ORDER OF MERIT LIST

Throughout the tournament an Order of Merit list will be maintained. This will show how many frames each player competing has won in the event.

When a player qualifies for Finals Day they will be omitted from the OOM list. At the end of qualifying event 9, the players in 1st and 2nd place on the list who have not already qualified will automatically qualify for Grand Finals Day.

In the event of a tie, the player who has won most matches will qualify, if there is still a tie, the player with the best individual event performance will qualify. If there is still a tie, a play-off at Grand Finals Day will determine the qualifier.

AGE AND ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

There is no age limit or restriction. However, should a player be too young to compete in Q-School as part of a prize, they will receive the cash alternative.

The Snookerbacker Classic is not open to:

- Players with 'professional' or 'pending professional' player status at the time of entry.
- Former or Current Snookerbacker Classic champions.
- Players who are currently serving a ban from the sport of any kind or who have received a ban from the sport within the last ten years

VENUE

All venues will be available to view at snookerbacker.com

DRESS CODE

Dress code for qualifying events should be trousers, shoes and long or short sleeved collared shirt or T-shirt. No Jeans or Trainers.

For the Finals Day players should wear trousers, a collared long-sleeved shirt, shoes and a waistcoat. No bow-tie is required.

LOGOS

Players are permitted to wear a maximum of four logos on clothing (each a maximum of six sq. inches), however, the Tournament Director reserves the right to request a player to remove a logo if it is deemed unsuitable.

WITHDRAWALS AND LATE ARRIVALS

If a player is not ready and able to commence play at the scheduled time for that session then that player shall:

- forfeit one frame if he fails to arrive in the playing area at the scheduled start time for a match
- forfeit a further frame for the first 20 minutes delay/non-attendance;
- forfeit one further frame for every 10 minutes delay/non-attendance thereafter until four frames have been conceded.

Please note that these time limits will be imposed without discrimination on all occasions by the Tournament Director, regardless of any contact made with the player. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure they arrive on time for their match.

RULES OF DISCIPLINE

Amateur players competing are subject to the Rules of Discipline of their relevant National Governing Body and general obligations contained in these terms and conditions of entry.

GOOD FAITH AND BEHAVIOUR

Each player shall behave towards other players, Referees, Tournament Officials and Partners with the utmost good faith and treat them with dignity and respect. Players shall, at all times (i.e. whether at a Tournament or not), behave in a proper and correct manner consistent with their status as professional sportspersons. Players shall not do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult, humiliate or discriminate against any other person on the grounds of disability, their religion, race, colour or national or ethnic origin, sex or sexual orientation. Players shall refrain from any acts of violence, threats or insults or any improper behaviour.

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Players shall exercise their right of comment in accordance with World Snooker's policy from time to time and at all times in a reasonable manner.

Each player shall participate in a Tournament in a fair and sporting manner.

A player shall not be permitted to smoke or drink alcohol to excess during his Match except during intervals and breaks authorised by the Referee and taken outside the playing arena. Should the Tournament Director suspect that any player has consumed excessive alcohol which is affecting the behaviour of either the player or their opponent, the Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify the player from the event.

A player shall not bet or lay bets on the result, score or any other aspect of any snooker match in which he is playing or cause any such bet to be placed or laid on his behalf.

A player shall not directly or indirectly solicit, attempt to solicit or accept any payment or any form of remuneration or benefit (or intentionally give the impression that he is intending to do so) in exchange for influencing the outcome of any game of snooker.

A player shall not make or cause to be made any statement or commit or cause to be committed any act which is likely to bring into disrepute the game of snooker.

ACCOMMODATION & EXPENSES

All players are responsible for all costs associated with competing in the Tournament.

VISAS & WORK PERMITS

All players are responsible for obtaining their own visa or other requirement to participate in the Snookerbacker Classic.

REGULATIONS DURING MATCHES

Rules of the Game

Each player at all times shall observe the Official Rules of Snooker during Tournaments as displayed on the World Snooker website www.worldsnooker.com. Players must play at a reasonable and proper pace at all times during a Match.

Referees

The Referee or allocated roaming official is in charge of a match and he/she shall be the sole judge and adjudicator for that match. Both players in that Match shall abide by the directions and decisions of that Referee (whose decision shall be final).

Leaving the Playing Arena

Players who are given permission to leave the playing arena by the Referee must return to the playing arena within a reasonable time but in any event within a maximum of ten minutes from the time he left the playing arena.

Re-tipping of Cues

A player will be allowed a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes to re-tip his cue if it becomes loose or damaged during a Match.

Re-scheduling and Unfinished Matches

The Tournament Director may reschedule any Match to another time on giving at least two hours notice to the Players due to play in that Match.

EQUIPMENT

General Rule

Players' equipment shall comply with the spirit and principle of snooker as a sport; that is players compete on an equal footing. A player may not use, wear or carry any technical innovation unless approved by the Tournament Director.

REFEREES AND TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Tournament Director

Each player shall comply with the reasonable direction and/or decisions of the Tournament Director or his authorised representatives (including Tournament Officials and Referees) concerning all matters arising at and relating to the Tournament, whose decision shall be final.

PRIZE WINNERS

Tournament Winner and Runner-Up:

The Tournament winner will be entered into the Q-School by the tournament director* and will receive a further £500 cash prize.

Should the tournament winner gain a main tour professional place without the need to enter the Q-School, they will receive £1000 as a cash prize.

The Tournament Runner-Up will be entered into the Q-School by the tournament director*.

Should the tournament Runner-Up gain a main tour professional place without the need to enter the Q-School, they will receive £750 as a cash prize.

***Exceptions:**

*Where the winner or runner-up have indicated their wishes for an alternative prize they will receive the cash prize alternative.

*The cash prize alternatives are £1000 for the winner and £750 for the runner-up.

*Q-School entry is based on the figure of £1000 to enter remaining unchanged. Should this figure increase the winner will receive £1000 towards Q-School entry.

Qualifying Finalists:

Losing Semi Finalists on Finals Day will receive a prize of £400

Losing Quarter Finalists on Finals Day will receive a prize of £200

Losers in the Last 16 on Finals Day will receive a prize of £100

All cash prizes will be paid by bank transfer immediately after the tournament. Q-School entries will be made at an agreed date before the final deadline.

Highest Break winners:

There is a single prize for the Highest Break of the entire event of £300. Should a player achieve a Maximum Break this will be increased to £500. Should the highest break be shared, a prize fund of £300 will be allocated evenly. Should more than one player achieve a maximum break a prize fund of £500 will be allocated evenly.

Further Prizes:

Where there are further prizes available these shall be announced at Snookerbacker.com

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

Making a complaint

Any complaint or grievance of a Player arising during a match concerning the quality of the snooker table and/or the cloth or any item or matter that may affect a Player's ability to play snooker, shall be immediately referred in the first instance to the Tournament Director

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

SNOOKERBACKER.COM SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR ANY INJURY, DEATH, LOSS OR DAMAGE CAUSED TO, OR SUFFERED BY, ANY PLAYER, PLAYER'S GUEST OR REPRESENTATIVE OR ANY EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING OR PERSONAL ITEMS OF A PLAYER, HIS GUEST OR REPRESENTATIVE WHILST AT A VENUE, ACCOMMODATION OR AT ANY OTHER LOCATION DURING A TOURNAMENT.