

West of England Billiards & Snooker Foundation

Bronze Waistcoat

Tournament

Structure & Rules



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Tournaments & Tournament Structure

Introduction

Tournaments are organised for children and adults, men and women at three different levels. BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD to cater for different age groups and standards. There is also a West of England Regional Finals bringing together County Champions. The WEBSF Management team will decide at the annual meeting which tournaments will be run the following season (Season 1st September to 31st August in each calendar year). This document lays out the structure and rules for the WEBSF Bronze Waistcoat Tournament for under 16's.

WEBSF BRONZE Waistcoat Tournaments

The Bronze Waistcoat Tournament is for players under 16 years on the 31st December in the season the tournament is played. Players are invited to play in the tournament providing they either, reside in the West of England or are Affiliated Members that reside outside the West of England catchments area where no Foundation operates.

Any club in the West of England may apply to run a Bronze Waistcoat tournament. They must have adequate facilities and be able to attract a minimum number of eight entries per tournament. Players must be members of the WEBSF and submit a completed Bronze Waistcoat registration form.

The entry fee to each Bronze tournament is set by the club (£3 to £5 per player is recommended) with monies, after tables fees and expenses, being distributed between the winner, runner up, losing semi & quarter finalist (depending on number of entrants). A prize for the best break of the day is optional.

Players are expected to play in the nearest Bronze Waistcoat tournament to their place of residence and can only play in one series of Bronze tournament(s). Special dispensation can only be granted by the WEBSF Management Team.

Club responsibilities are to:-

- appoint a responsible adult as the tournament administrator.
- ensure all competing players are members of the WEBSF.
- abide by the WEBSF terms and conditions
- uphold the good reputation of the WEBSF
- post all competition paperwork and report to the WEBSF, as soon as possible.
- enforce a strict code of discipline and behaviour amongst the players and accompanying personnel.
- enforce the WEBSF dress code – dark trousers, dark shoes, collared shirt
- ensure the safety and well-being of the players in line with the WEBSF Child Protection Policy.

WEBSF responsibilities are to:-

- help with the design of a tournament poster for the club.
- provide paperwork templates for the tournament(s).
- calculate and keep records of ranking points.
- update the WEBSF website and press with tournament dates and results etc.
- promote a Grand Finals event at the end of season.
- provide help and support in setting up the first tournament.

Finals Day Qualification

The highest ranking players at the end of each series of tournaments in each city/town/club will qualify for the end of season Regional Final. The number of qualifiers from each series of tournaments will be dependant on the average number of players, rounded up, participating. (see table below)

Average Number of Players	Number of Qualifiers
8	4
9	4
10	4
11	4
12	6
13	6
14	6
15	6
16 or more	8

All Bronze tournaments must be completed before 1st May.

The WEBSF Management Team reserve the right to make adjustments to the tournament format as and when required.

Note: Bronze registered players may play on the Silver Waistcoat tour in addition to the Bronze.

Bronze Waistcoat Tournament Format(s)

Each tournament will be played as either Round Robin plus Knock-out or Knockout plus Plate. A tour can be either all Round Robin plus Knock-out; all Knock-out plus Plate or a combination of the two formats. The intended format for the season is decided in advance of the first tournament. However, depending on the number of entrees and available tables, the Tournament Director has the authority to change the format on the day.

Round Robin plus Knock-out format

A Round Robin stage will be played to determine the last sixteen, eight (quarter final) or four (semi final) which is then played on a straight knock-out basis. When seeding is used the top two, four or eight players will be seeded. This will be determined from the results from previous tournament, the rest of the players are drawn.

Each player plays the best of three/five frames against each other opponent in the group, alternatively one or two frame formats can be played using a combination of match points (3pts for a win, 1pt for a draw) and aggregate frame points to determine the places. all matches must be played, failure to do so may cause you to be expelled from any future WEBSF tournaments.

In the event of players within each group tying on points the following elimination procedure will be applied, between those that tie:-

1. Matches won will first decide the winners.
2. If two or more players in any Group have an equal number of wins at the end of the Round Robin Stages, the following procedures will apply to determine the position of the qualifiers of that group:-
 - a.) If two or more players have an equal number of wins, the better or best will be the player with the best Frame Difference.
 - b.) If still equal, the results of the matches between the players concerned will be the determinant for the winner between them.
 - c.) If a tie is still involved, the best differential in the matches of the tied players will be the determinant.
 - d.) If the end result is still equal a one-frame play-off using frame scores shall determine the winner. A re-spotted black will be the final decider if needed.

From each group one, two or four qualifiers are promoted to the last sixteen/eight/four to commence the knockout stage.

To decide the positions for the knock-out stages either all qualifiers are entered into a draw. The draw alternates between players from the group winners to play against players from the group runners-up. Or the following placing is used at the Tournament Directors discretion. Whatever method is adopted must be used in all tournaments in the series-

Groups	(A)	(A+B)	(A+B)	(A+B+C+D)
Players per group	8	4	8	4
Qualifiers per group	4	2	4	2
Placing	GA1 v GA4	GA1 v GB2	GA1 v GB4	GA1 v GC2
	GA2 v GA3	GA2 v GB1	GA2 v GB3	GA2 v GC1
			GA3 v GA2	GB1 v GD2
			GA4 v GB1	GB2 v GD1

Knock-out stages:-

Winner	500 points
Runner-up	400 points

Losing Semi finalists	300 points
Losing Quarter finalists	200 points
Losing 8 players from last 16	100 points

Round Robin League placing:-

1 st	100 points
2 nd	80 points
3 rd	60 points
4 th	50 points
5 th	40 points
6 th	30 points
7 th	20 points
8 th	10 points
Plus attendance 100 points for all tournaments attended	

Note:- When more than 24 entries a knock-out format can be played at the Tournament Director's discretion. Furthermore the Tournament Director reserves the right to limit the number of entries in the interest of safety, availability of tables and available time.

Knock-out and Plate format

A Knock-out tournament will be played as a straight knock-out with a Plate for 1st round losers only. When seeding is used the top two, four or eight players will be seeded. This will be determined from the results from previous tournament, the rest of the players are drawn.

The first round will normally be the best of seven frames (three or five for Bronze). The number of frames for the following rounds will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director

Main Tournament:-

Winner	500 points
Runner-up	400 points
Losing Semi finalists	300 points
Losing Quarter finalists (inc prelim)	200 points
Losing players from last 16 (inc prelim)	100 points
Losing players from last 32 (inc prelim)	80 points
Losing players from last 64 (inc prelim)	60 points
Losing players from last 128 (inc prelim)	50 points

Plate:-

Winner	100 points
Runner-up	80 points
Losing Semi finalists (inc prelim)	60 points
Losing Quarter finalists (inc prelim)	50 points
Losing players from last 16 (inc prelim)	40 points
Losing players from last 32 (inc prelim)	30 points
Losing players from last 64 (inc prelim)	20 points
Plus attendance 100 points for all tournaments attended	

Seeding

Is at the discretion of the Tournament Director but if used must be deployed for all tournaments held during that season. Where used the top four/eight players from the previous tournament will define seeding for the next tournament.

Points and Prize Money

Players will receive trophies and/or prize monies for the winners, runners up and losing semi-finalists. Ranking points are also available at each of the events which will determine the overall standings in the Tours and participation in the Regional Final when held.

At the end of each series of tournaments all ranking points are calculated with the lowest event points (minus attendance points) being discarded from all calculations. In the event of a tie amongst the qualifying positions the following will apply:-

- i. Compare the best event result between the level players, if still level, compare second best event points. Continue to compare the remaining event points.
- ii. Most overall match wins
- iii. Best frame difference overall
- iv. Best head-to-head results overall
- v. Play off best of three frames

Bronze only - Final rankings in each of the town/city/club Bronze tournaments will determine the final positions and those who qualify for the end of season WEBSF Bronze Waistcoat final.

Conditions of entry

Membership and completed registration form must be received before entry into any of the WEBSF tournaments. A valid WEBSF ID membership card must be available when requested by the Tournament Officials.

Tournament entry fees will only be accepted in cash. . Where players are more than 15 minutes late for the commencement of a match he/she shall forfeit the first frame, if after waiting a further 15 minutes the match will be forfeit. Under these circumstances the entry fee is non-refundable. The Tournament Directors decision is final on all matters relating to the tournament(s).

Standard terms and conditions for all WEBSF competitions

1. Competitors must be fully paid up members of the West of England Billiards & Snooker Foundation.
2. The WEBSF dress code must be adhered to. The Tournament Director will refuse entry or disqualify any player failing to comply when challenged.
 - a. Bronze Tournaments - Dark trousers, dark shoes, collared shirt.
 - b. Gold & Silver Tournaments – Smart dark trousers, waistcoat, bow tie and dark shoes. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.(no jeans or trainers)
3. Mobile phones must be switched off or on silent at all times whilst in the match rooms.
4. Membership ID Card which must be carried at all times when carrying out WEBSF duties or playing in WEBSF tournaments.
5. All tournaments will be played where ladies are allowed in the billiards and/or snooker arena as players, officials or spectators.
6. Dates and venues may be changed at the WEBSF Management Team's discretion.
7. The format of play shall be confirmed on the day of the competition by the Tournament Director.
8. In round robin matches, the player(s) with the most points at the end of the round robin stage will determine qualification into the next stage of the competition. Where two or more players have the same number of points the following elimination format will be used to determine qualification:-
 - a. If two or more players in any Group have an equal number of wins at the end of the Round Robin Stages, the following procedures will apply to determine the Position of the qualifiers of that group:-
 - b. If two or more players have an equal number of wins, the better or best will be the player with the best Frame Difference.
 - c. If still equal, the results of the matches between the players concerned will be the determinant for the winner between them.
 - d. If a tie is still involved, the best differential in the matches of the tied players will be the determinant.
9. Members and players must conduct themselves at all times in a proper manner consistent with their status as a sportsman or sportswomen and as a member of the West of England Billiards & Snooker Foundation.
10. The Tournament Directors decision will be final with regard to all decisions relating to the tournament.
11. All prize monies shall be subject to entries received.

Entries shall be regarded as an acceptance of these terms and conditions and in the event of any disputes arising or any other matter, the decision of the WEBSF Tournament Director, and on appeal, the WEBSF Management Team shall be binding.

Combined Silver and Bronze Waistcoat Tournament Formats

In a season where the number of entrants are predicted to be low in the Bronze and/or Silver tournaments the WEBSF Management Team can choose to combine these tournaments. In these instances the following additional rules will apply:-

Players may be seeded at the discretion of the Tournament Director to balance Bronze and Silver players equally. (Note: seeding, if used, must remain for the full series of events in any one season)

Trophies:-

Trophies and Prize Money will be awarded to each event winner & runner-up and at the end of the series trophies for the overall winner and runner-up.

Trophies will also be awarded at the end of the series for the highest and second placed Bronze players.

WEBSF Bronze Tournament Centres

Venue	Contact
Victoria Snooker Centre	John & Vicky Richards
Victoria Road	
St. Budeaux	
PLYMOUTH PL51 1RS	
TEL: 01752 360050	

Rileys Snooker Club	Jim Curtain
4A Courtenay Street	
PLYMOUTH	

GWRSA Social Club	Mel Berry
Beacon Avenue	
EXETER	

Bells Court Snooker Club	Paul Williams
10/12 Market Street	
FALMOUTH	
TR11 3AE	
TEL: 01326 315434	

Plymouth Snooker Club	
Union Street	
Plymouth	

Redruth Royal British Legion	Paul Broad
REDRUTH	

Clinton Social Club	Paul Broad
REDRUTH	

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Paul Broad

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