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EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIPS U18, U21 & Men – 02nd to 16th February 2018 SOFIA / BULGARIA

Dear Members,

7th November 2017

On behalf of the EBSA Board of Directors and the Bulgarian Snooker Federation (BSF), I have pleasure in inviting you to send players to take part in:

The 2018 European Individual Snooker U18, U21 & Men Championships

PLAYERS: You'll find on the www.ebsa.tv website Entry and Travel-Accommodation forms that will be available for completion from 13th November 2017, to be filled as instructed for a maximum entry of:

- Four (4) players for the Under 18s Championships (players must be under 18 on 31st December 2017).
- Four (4) players to Under 21's Championship (players must be under 21 on 31st December 2017).
- Five (5) Men players to Men's Championships (players must be aged 13 on the 9th February 2018).

Please use the username and password that you've received to fill in the forms 'Online'. All participants, including referees and supporters must be on the travel and accommodation form.

CLOSING DATE FOR PLAYERS ENTRIES: Friday 19th January 2018.

REFEREES: A maximum of 24 international referees will be invited by the BSF. Referees accommodation will be available starting from the 1st of February 2018. Any referees wishing to have single occupancy will be required to pay 50% of the full cost of a Twin room for the duration of their stay. Accommodation will be provided on a Bed & Breakfast basis, with 2 referees sharing a room. One additional meal per day will be provided. Referees travelling to Bulgaria will receive an allowance (€300) to help them with their travel costs. Referees must be members of the EBSA and will be confirmed by the EBSA Referees Committee. Please remember to enter referees information to the online Travel and Accommodation Form.

CLOSING DATE FOR REFEREE NOMINATIONS: Friday 22nd December 2017.

HOTEL: The hotel policy is that upon arrival, all guests are expected to pay the full balance for the room booking for the total number of nights/duration that have been booked. This can be paid by credit card or cash. Whilst it may be possible to extend room bookings, it will be solely dependent on the hotel having room availability. Neither the hotel, EBSA or BSF can take any responsibility if rooms are not available to be extended for the remainder of the stay. All bookings must be confirmed on the EBSA travel and Accommodation Form.

CLOSING DATE FOR HOTEL BOOKINGS (EBSA TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION FORM): FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2018.

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COACHING: A cue Zone will be available at the Ramada Hotel for coaching players and new EBSA Coaches. Please find attached letter from the EBSA coaching committee with more details.

REFEREE SUPPLIES: Any referees or members wishing to buy white gloves, rule books, EBSA ties, ball markers, etc., are requested to place an order for any items by Friday 26th January 2018. Items can then be paid for and collected during the Championships. Any order(s) should be sent to me in the first instance.

Very Important: According to the new EBSA/WPBSA agreement, the U21 and Men Champions will be nominated for the 2018/2020 Main Professional Tour and in addition, other top players will be selected to enter the qualifiers of the 2018 World Professional Snooker championship (Sheffield) subject to the following conditions: Players must be members of countries affiliated to the World Snooker Federation (WSF) – see affiliation form attached. We have been asked by WSF to remind countries that WSF affiliations should be received by 19th January 2018 to ensure applications can be processed and accepted prior to the EBSA Championships commencing.

The Bulgarian Snooker Federation (BSF) has asked me to assure you, that they will do everything to make your visit one to remember.

Yours in sport

Simon Smith

General Secretary

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Calendar of events

- Friday 02 nd February: Welcome ceremony (U18's) – RAMADA Hotel	09:00
- Start of the U18 Matches, Friday 02 nd February:	10:00
- Monday 05 th February: Welcome ceremony (U21's) – RAMADA Hotel	09:00
- Start of the U21 Matches, Monday 5 th February:	10:00
- Friday 09 th February: Semi-finals & Final of the U21 Championship	
- Friday 09 th February: Players & Referees meeting	18:00
- Friday 09 th February: Opening ceremony (Men) – RAMADA Hotel	20:00
- Start of the Men Matches, Saturday 10 th February:	10:00
- Closing Ceremony Friday 16 th February – RAMADA Hotel	20:00

Entry Fee

Please note an entry fee of **€ 60 (Sixty euro)** per player will be payable to the EBSA, to be paid before the start of the U21 & Men events and **€ 40 (Forty euro)** for the U18 event.

No player will be allowed to take part if payment is not made

ACCOMODATION & VENUE

16 SHENDER Steel-Block competition tables will be housed in the:

RAMADA Hotel

131 Maria Luisa Blvd. / 1202 Sofia, Bulgaria

Tel : +359 (2) 93 38888 / Website: <http://www.ramada.com/>

The Hotel requires full payment upon arrival for the accommodation that has been booked. There will be no refund for earlier check-outs.

ALL HOTEL BOOKINGS MUST BE CONFIRMED ON EBSA TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION FORM BY FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2018.

ROOM RATES for Superior Rooms

Single:	€ 74,-
Double or Twin:	€ 84,-
Triple (Twin + 1 bed):	€ 104,- (only 10 rooms for families with Junior players)

ROOM RATES for Business/Executive Rooms

Single:	€ 84,-
Double or Twin:	€ 94,-

All rooms Inclusive of • Lavish Buffet breakfast • Free of charge wireless internet in room • Free of charge swimming pool and fitness centre in the luxury Victoria SPA centre.

All hotel bookings must be made directly on the www.ebsa.tv

Should you need any help then, please contact me at: simon.p.smith@northumbria.ac.uk

Hotel facilities and ceremonies are ONLY available for guests staying at the Ramada Hotel

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TRANSPORT

There is a **direct Metro** from **Sofia Airport Terminal 2** to the **Central Train Station** which is just 400m away from the Ramada Hotel or to the **Lavov Most Station** only 300m away. Tickets are at €0,80 one way. Please check the following link: <https://www.metrosofia.com/en/maps>

Transfers Airport – Hotel – Airport can also be available by shuttle **at a cost of €15.00 per person** - All participants will be greeted by the BSF representatives upon arrival subject to arrival information being forwarded in advance.

VISAS/FOOD/CURRENCY

Visas are not required by most European countries but please check.

A good meal can be secured for €10 to €12.

All major credit cards are accepted in the hotel, restaurants and shops.

Local currency is Leva or BGN (1 € = 2 BGN approx.... please check)

Prize Money

"Prize money for winners and finalists will be paid by bank transfer".

The Prize funds for each championship will be distributed as follows:

European U18 and U21 Snooker Championships

Highest Break 50.00 € + Trophy

Last 16 Not less than Entry fee

The remainder of the Prize fund will be allocated as follows:

Winner 40% + Trophy

Runner-up 20% + Trophy

Semi-Finalists 10% x 2 20%

Quarter Finalists 5% x 4 20%

European Mens Snooker Championships

Highest Break 100.00 € + Trophy

Last 16 Not less than Entry fee

The remainder of the Prize fund will be allocated as follows:

Winner 40% + Trophy

Runner-up 20% + Trophy

Semi-Finalists 10% x 2 20%

Quarter Finalists 5% x 4 20%

Please note that the closing date for confirming the final names of players is: Friday 19th January 2018

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