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EUROPEAN SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP and U16, U18, U21 Snooker Championships 1st – 14th March 2026, GANDIA – SPAIN

Dear Members,

On behalf of the EBSA Board of Directors and the Real Federaciòn Española de Billar (RFEB), I have pleasure in inviting you to send players to take part in the European Snooker Championship and U16, U18, U21 Snooker Championships that will be held at the [Gandia Palace Hotel](#), from the 1st to the 14th of March 2026 in the city of Gandia/Spain.

PLAYERS:

From Monday 22nd December 2025 you will find on the EBSA website www.ebsa.tv the Entry Form and Travel and Accommodation Form which need to be filled in as instructed for a maximum entry of:
Five (5) players for the Under 16s Championship (players must be 16 or under on 31st August 2026).
Five (5) players for the Under 18s Championship (players must be 18 or under on 31st August 2026).
Five (5) players to the Under 21s Championship (players must be 21 or under on 31st August 2026).
Five (5) players to the European Snooker Championship (players must be aged 12 at start of the championship).

All Championships are Mixed Gender

Special information for the U16 Championships: Each member country will be able to receive one free entry to the Under 16's Championship.

Under 16s and U18s Championships: Rule Amendment – Foul and a Miss: Following the 2025 Annual General Meeting, both the U16s and U18s Championships will play with an amended rule. Foul and Miss will be limited to a maximum of three attempts. After a 3rd consecutive miss, the option will be to (1) ask opponent to play again from the position left (2) play themselves from the position left or (3) play from in-hand from within the "D". This will only be applied up to the Final.

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: Sunday 8th February 2026 (Midnight, GMT)

Very important: Final confirmation of number of players must be sent to the EBSA before Sunday 8th February 2026 (Midnight, GMT). After this date, National Associations will be responsible to pay the number of players they have entered in the online entry system.

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According to the EBSA/WPBSA agreement, the U21 winner and the European Snooker Championship's winner will be nominated for the 2026/2028 Main Professional Tour.

PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES:

Entry Fees should be paid at the tournament office in cash in Gandia/Spain. Alternatively National Associations, if they wish, they can transfer the amount of entry fees to the EBSA bank account before the closing dates of entries. Please refer to the updated EBSA Championship Conditions for further information.

Online payment for the Entry must be done by (NGB) National Associations only. No payment will be accepted online from individual players. Please fill the online Entry Form on the www.ebsa.tv website. For further information, please feel free to contact the (EBSA Tournament Coordinator) maxime.cassis@gmail.com before the closing date.

REFEREES:

A maximum of 30 international referees will be invited by the RFEB for the EBSA Championships, including 8 referees also being selected to referee at the WPBSA Q-Tour Play-offs immediately after the EBSA Championships. As usual, 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 full-board basis, with 2 referees sharing a twin room. Referees travelling to Gandia will receive from the EBSA an allowance of €300 to help them with their travel costs. Referees must be members of their National Association and will be confirmed by the EBSA Referees Committee.

VERY IMPORTANT: Referees who are selected to referee only at EBSA Championships will be expected to arrive on Saturday 28th and depart on 13th March. The 8 Referees who are selected to stay for the conclusion of the EBSA Championship Finals and to referee at the WPBSA Q-Tour Play-Offs, will have accommodation provided until 17th March 2026 and must depart on 18th March. When sending your nomination, please also indicate whether **your nominated referee(s) wish to be considered for (1) EBSA Championships only or (2) EBSA and WPBSA Championships.** When EBSA make the selection of referees (after the published closing date), EBSA will confirm which championship(s) your referee(s) has been selected for. Once selections are confirmed by EBSA, please remember to enter referee's Travel information to the online Travel and Accommodation Form.

CLOSING DATE FOR REFEREE NOMINATIONS: Sunday 4th January 2026.

COACHING:

A Cue-Zone will be available at the Gandia Palace Hotel for coaching players and new EBSA/WPBSA Coaches. **The seminar for new coaches** will take place from the **6th to 8th March 2026** at the Gandia Palace Hotel. Please find attached a letter with application form issued by the EBSA Coaching Committee with more details. Requests with the completed form and photo must be sent from the National Association to the EBSA General Secretary simon.p.smith@northumbria.ac.uk and a copy to the EBSA Head of coaching pjcoach147@hotmail.com

The Real Federaciòn Española de Billar (RFEB) 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

- Sunday 1 st March	U16's Players meeting @ 09:00
- Sunday 1 st March	Start of the U16s Matches @ 10:00
- Monday 2 nd March	Start of the U18s Matches @ 10:00
- Tuesday 3 rd March	Knock-Out stages of the U16 Championship
- Wednesday 4 th March	Knock-Out stages of the U16 & U18 Championships
- Thursday 5 th March	Semi-finals & Final of the U18 Championship
- Thursday 5 th March	Start of the U21 Matches
- Sunday 8 th March	Semi-finals & Final of the U21s Championship
- Sunday 8 th March	Start of the European Snooker Championship
- Sunday 8 th March	Official Opening Ceremony – Palace Hotel @19:00
- Saturday 14 th March	Semi-finals & Final of the European Snooker Championship

ENTRY FEE

Entry fee for the U16s or the U18s will be at €50 per player.

Entry Fee for the Under 21s or the European Snooker Championships will be at €100 per player.

**No player will be allowed to take part if payment is not confirmed before
Sunday 8th February 2026 (Midnight, GMT)**

**Payment of the Entry Fees can be made by Cash at the venue in Gandia/Spain, or
By Bank transfer to the following EBSA Bank Account:**

IBAN: GB57HBUK40127674272088

B/C Swift Code: HBUKGB4B

Please inform the name of your country on the bank transfer form

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION & VENUE

17 XingPai (STAR) Steel-Block competition tables will be housed in the venue at:

Gandia Palace Hotel

Carrer de la Rioja, 41, 43, 46730 Gandia, Valencia, SPAIN

<https://www.gandiapalace.com/>

ROOM PRICES Bed & Breakfast (only):

Single room:	€107 Euro/Room	Sea View : €117 Euro/Room
Double/Twin room:	€144 Euro/Room (€72 / person)	Sea View : €154 Euro/Room
Triple room:	€210 Euro/Room (€70 / person)	Sea View : €224 Euro/Room

**CLOSING DATE FOR HOTEL BOOKINGS (EBSA TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION FORM):
Sunday 8th February 2026 (Midnight, GMT)**

**All bookings including referees must be confirmed on the
EBSA Travel and Accommodation Form**



IMPORTANT CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION

**ALL PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS MUST BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE GANDIA PALACE HOTEL.
ANYONE BOOKED AT A DIFFERENT HOTEL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY.**

TRANSPORT

Transfers Airport/Hotel/Airport are available as follows:

Participants will be met at Valencia or Alicante airports by the RFEB representatives upon arrival subject to arrival information being forwarded in advance.

Airport transfers to be paid upon arrival to the host Association representative (RFEB).

Prices are for one (1) way From Valencia or Alicante airports to GANDIA PALACE Hotel will cost :

- **€45 if arrival or departure between 7am and 10pm - return price is @ €90**
- **€60 if arrival or departure between 10pm and 7am - return price is @ €120**

Alternatively, it is possible for you to organise to catch a train from Valencia Airport to Gandia and then organise a private taxi from the train station to the Palace Hotel (about 10/15 minutes). You will need to organise this yourself.

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 U16 & U18 Snooker Championships

Highest Break €50 + Trophy

Last 16 Not less than Entry fee

U21 & European Snooker Championship

Highest Break €100 + Trophy

Last 16 Not less than Entry fee

All Championships Prize funds will be displayed at the venue after the start of each Competition.

**Please note that the closing date for confirming the final names of players is
Sunday 8TH FEBRUARY 2026 (Midnight, GMT).**

**Online payments can be made until Sunday 8th February 2026 (Midnight, GMT), or
payment for (confirmed) entries in cash (Euros) upon arrival at the venue.**