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IBSF Member Countries,

Invitation for the World Snooker Championships Men & Women **Indore – India from the 12th to the 21st November, 2026**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the IBSF Executive and the Billiards & Snooker Federation of India BSFI, I have the pleasure of inviting you to send your players to participate in the 2026 IBSF World Snooker Championships (Men, Women).

IBSF Men Snooker Championship has to be played in two stages format:

1. Stage – 1 – Qualifying Round (64 Players)

All the players except for those who fall within the criterion set for the main event, by the IBSF Technical Committee, are required to qualify for the main event, through the qualifying events. The two qualifying events shall be played under the following rules and regulations.

- A maximum of 64 players can participate in each event.
- Each country is allowed to enter two players on the IBSF entry system. ***Besides those two players each country can also send the names of 2 reserve players via email to the organizers and cc to IBSF.***
- The qualifying events will be played on knock out basis.
- Each event will be completed in two days.
- Each qualifying event will conclude on Last-8 stage.
- All the matches will be played on Best of 7 frames.
- A total of 16 players (8 players from each event) will qualify for the Stage-2, i.e. main event.
- Players who failed to qualify from the 1st event shall be eligible to participate in the 2nd event.

The entry fees for the qualifying events is US\$ **150**.

Those players who qualify for the main event, don't need to pay the entry fees for Stage-2

2. Stage – 2 – Main Event (48 Players)

48 Players will participate, according to the following criteria:

32 Players pre-qualified as per the attached list.

16 players from qualifying tournaments

The invitation to participate in the main event will be sent directly to the eligible players, countries, and regions. If the above players are not available or qualify from two criteria then the players down the line according to the ranking will be selected.

Note: Last 16 in Stage 2 each year will qualify to Stage 2 the following year.

Format of Frames

- All the matches for Men will be Best of Seven (7) frames till the Last 4. The Semi-finals and Final will be Best of Nine (9) frames.
- All the matches for Women will be Best of Three (3) frames for the round robin. Knockout round till the final will be Best of Five (5) frames.



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Women Championships

Each country is allowed to send **4 players** for Women.

Should you have additional entries please send the names to the IBSF Secretary in order.

Please enter your players' names & details into the IBSF website using your username and password.

The closing date for entries is 25th of September 2026.

The entry fee is US\$ 150.00 per player for Men and Women, and This must be paid to the IBSF Treasurer before the start of the Championships.

Those countries who have not paid the IBSF annual membership for 2026 or any outstanding amount will not be allowed to use the online system to enter their players.

To open the system, they must transfer the amount and send a copy of the transfer or send an official letter stating that the due amount will be paid in cash before the competition start.

Referees

11 International Referees are invited to participate from IBSF Regions as follows:

Africa **1**, America: **1**, Asia: **4**, Europe: **4**, Oceania: **1**

Referees' nominations must be sent to the regional bodies before the **15th September 2026**.

Referees' accommodation will be provided on a twin-share basis. Breakfast and one extra meal allowance are to be provided to all International Invited Referees, IBSF will give an extra allowance of US\$ 500.00 to each international referee.

Dress code:

Please advise your players that the dress code will be strictly adhered to. All players must wear a waistcoat whilst playing.

- Evening dress or dark suit together with waistcoat shall be worn in all sessions of the matches. No sports shoes of any kind/color are permitted.

Long-sleeve shirts buttoned at the wrist, waistcoats, and bow ties, shall be worn for all matches, save when the venue conditions are hot and humid, and, in which case, certain relaxation to dress-code requirements may be decided thereupon by the Championship Committee.

- Players will be allowed to wear a sponsor's logo on the waistcoat with a maximum size of 100 mm x 40 mm or 80 mm in diameter. The Host NSA will inform players if their logos may be worn during any televised stages of the Championship and that players wear them belonging to the Host NSA's sponsor(s) at no cost to the players.

- The Host NSA will decide the appropriate dress code for any official functions.
- Failure to comply with the prescribed dress code may result in the forfeiture of the match by the players in default.

Calendar of Events:

- Referees and players' meetings for the qualifying events will take place at the Venue on Thursday 12th November at 19:00.
- Qualifying events will start on Friday 13th November 2026.



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- Referees and players' meetings for the main event of Men stage 2 and Women will take place at the venue on Monday 16th of November at 19:00.
- Matches of Men (Main Event) will start at 10:00 am on Tuesday the 17th of November 2026 and the final will be played on Saturday 21st November 2026.
- Matches of Women will start at 10:00 am on Tuesday the 17th of November 2026 and the final will be played on Saturday 21st November 2026.
- The **2026 IBSF AGM** will be held in the Hotel on **Friday 20th of November at 11:00 am** and a special invitation to the IBSF AGM will be sent to you soon in a separate letter.

Tournament information

Host Association: Billiards & Snooker Federation of India **BSFI**

Host city: **Indore**

Dates: 12th to 21st November, 2026

Email: bsfsecretary@gmail.com

Host Federation Contact persons & Tournament Director

Mr. Sunil Bajaj

Email: bsfsecretary@gmail.com

Mobile: +91 94250 64605

Name of Championships Hotel:

Hotel Sayaji,

Vijay Nagar, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

Address: Vijay Nagar, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

Room rates per night include taxes and breakfast.

US\$ 115 for single room and US\$ 125 for the Double/Twin room

VENUE INFORMATION:

Yeshwant Club,

Race Course Road, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

Services available at the venue:

Breakfast Service: 07.30am – 11.30am

Lunch: 12.00 to 03.00pm

Bar: 11.00am to 11.00pm

Distance of Hotel to Venue: 5-6 kms.

Shuttle service will be provided for each session.

Number of match tables: 10-12

Number of practice tables at hotel: 2-3

Tables: Xingpai 101

Cloth: Strachan.

Balls: Aramith 1G.

Scoring system: IBSF Electronic Scoring System.



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TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

The nearest international airport: Devi Ahilyabai Holkar International Airport (IATA: IDR, ICAO: VAID) is the primary airport serving Indore and the broader Madhya Pradesh region. Located approximately 8 kilometres west of Indore city centre, it stands as the busiest airport in Central India.

PRIZE MONEY

Minimum Prize for the Championships:

- Men Snooker USD **25,000**
- Women Snooker USD **10,500**

Position	Men	Women
Winner	USD 10,000	USD 4,000
Runner-Up	USD 5,000	USD 2,000
3 rd Places / 2 Players	2 X USD 2,500	2 X USD 1,000
Quarter-Finalists / 4 Players	4 X USD 1000	4 X USD 500
Highest Break	Above 100 / USD 1,000	Above 75 / USD 500
Total	USD 25,000	USD 10,500

VISAS :

The Visas will be issued to many countries on arrival, but we advise you to please check with India Embassy in your country. Furthermore, BSFI will arrange to issue a visa support letter for the participants provided the passports and arrival details are sent well in time.

Anti-Doping Testing:

Players may be subjected to Drug Testing in accordance with the WCBS Drugs in Sport Policy.

1. The IBSF will hold an Anti-Doping education seminar during the championships.
2. All players must complete ADEL online education before event.

[ADEL Anti-Doping e-Learning Programme](#)

Please send certificate to WCBS Anti-Doping Director james.Leacy@billiards.sport

Temperature expected during November:

Min: 10 Degree Celsius

Max: 22 – 25 Degree Celsius

The entries closing date is on the 25th of September 2026

Looking forward to seeing you in Indore.

Best regards

Michael Al-Khoury



Secretary General



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