

7th July, 2009

**2009 EASB PAUL HUNTER ENGLISH OPEN
IN ASSOCIATION WITH NORTHERN SNOOKER CENTRE
Wednesday 22nd July-Sunday 26th July, 2009
Northern Snooker Centre, Leeds**

Dear Player,

On behalf of the English Association of Snooker and Billiards, may I thank you for entering the 2009 Paul Hunter English Open.

This event will be held at the Northern Snooker Centre, Kirkstall Road, Leeds, LS3 1LT. The telephone number for the club is 0113 243 3015.

Enclosed is the group draw for the round robin stages, and details of start times can be found below.

FORMAT

All players are to register on arrival at Northern Snooker Centre with the Tournament Director, who for this event, is Mr John Hartley.

Players should register at least 30 minutes before commencement of their scheduled start time.

Tables will be allocated at random, and allocated prior to the start of the first session. After the first games, matches will be played on a roll on-roll off basis. Please refer to the draw for your group numbers, and ensure that you are available to play each game when you are called to do so.

Please note there are 100 matches each day to play during the round robin stages, so it is inevitable that there will be some waiting around. However, if you are called 3 times for a match and you do not arrive, standard match procedures relating to the docking of frames will commence.

All games in the round robin stage will be best of five frames. The top three players in each group will qualify to the knockout stages.

The last 64 will be played over the best of seven frames.

The last 32 to the semi-finals inclusive, will be the best of nine frames.

The final will be played best of eleven frames.

Any player not present at the scheduled start time for their first match will have one frame awarded to their opponent. A further frame will be lost for each subsequent 15 minutes of lateness. Any player that fails to arrive for their first game will be scratched from the group.

All games MUST be played in each group, however in the case of a player withdrawing due to unforeseen circumstances, all results against that player would be scratched.

START TIMES

Wednesday 22nd July

10:00am – Players 1,2,3,4 in Groups 1-8

11:00am – Players 1,2,3,4 in Groups 9-10

11:30am – Player number 5 in Groups 1-8

12:00pm – Player number 5 in Groups 9-10

Thursday 23rd July

10:00am – Players 1,2,3,4 in Groups 11-18

11:00am – Players 1,2,3,4 in Groups 19-20

11:30am – Player number 5 in Groups 11-18

12:00pm – Player number 5 in Groups 19-20

Friday 24th July

10:00am – Last 64 (top half)

1:00pm – Last 64 (bottom half)

4:00pm – Last 32 (top half)



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7:00pm – Last 32 (bottom half)

Saturday 25th July

10:30am – Last 16

2:30pm – Quarter Finals

7:00pm – Semi Finals

Sunday 26th July

2:00pm – THE FINAL

QUALIFICATION AND SEEDING

The Group draw has been seeded according to the World Rankings at the end of last season.

At the end of each group, the top three players will qualify to the knockout stages.

Group positions will be determined firstly by games won, then by aggregate frame difference, then by the result of the two players involved.

If any ties arrive between players when trying to determine qualifying or seeding positions, then a best of three play off will be played.

After all 60 qualifiers have been decided, the draw for the last 64 stage will be made, based upon new seeding positions from the round robin groups.

The 20 group winners will now be seeded 1-20 in the draw, with the highest four placed seeds receiving a bye into the last 32 stage. Should there be a tie for these positions, then the original seeding position will be used. If a tie still exists, then a random draw will be made.

The best twelve runners up will be seeded 21-32 in the draw, with all remaining qualifiers drawn at random.

DRESS CODE

GROUP STAGES

Dress code for the group stages will be smart casual. This consists of collared shirt or polo shirt, dark trousers and shoes. NO JEANS, TRAINERS or T-SHIRTS will be allowed.

KNOCK-OUT STAGES

Dress code for the knockout stages will be formal. This consists of long sleeved shirt, dark trousers, shoes, waistcoat and bow tie. Medical evidence MUST be provided to the Tournament Director if a player has any problems wearing any of the above clothing.

ACCOMODATION

The Northern Snooker Centre have arranged some very competitive prices at two local hotels. Each player is responsible for arranging their own accomodation. The deals, and contact details are as follows:

EXPRESS BY HOLIDAY INN

Cavendish Street, Leeds, LS3 1LY

Telephone : 0113 2426 200 (quote Northern Snooker)

£60.00 per room inc.breakfast (Tues & Weds)

£49.00 per room inc.breakfast (other days)

PREMIER TRAVEL INN

Kirkstall Road, Leeds

Telephone : 0870 197 7150 (quote Northern Snooker)

£64.00 per room (Mon to Thurs)

£58.00 per room (Fri to Sun)

Discount available for multiple night stays, breakfast on request.

PRIZE FUND

Due to the fact that we did not reach 128 entries, the total prize fund for this event is now £4800.00

The breakdown of prizes is as follows:

WINNER : £ 2,000.00
RUNNER UP : £ 800.00
SEMI-FINALISTS : £ 350.00
QUARTER FINALISTS : £ 150.00
LAST 16 : £ 75.00
HIGH BREAK £ 100.00

The remaining entry money has been used to provide referees and a Tournament Director for the week, at a cost of over £1,000.00 as well as general postage and additional costs of nearly £700.00.

Should you have any questions, then please leave a message on 0808 129 40 40 or email me directly, at j.hartley@englishsnooker.com and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best regards,



Mr John Hartley
Director of Competitions



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