

To: All EASB Certificated Referees

November 2011

Dear Colleague

REFEREE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL 2012



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FEES

As you will be aware, the referee subscription year runs from 1st January to 31st December, and I now enclose a renewal form for you to continue your referee membership of the EASB for 2012. The decision to introduce a new stepped fee structure last season will continue for this coming year, as follows:

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| Tutors & Examiners | £30 | Class 1 | £27 |
| Class 2 | £20 | Class 3 | £15 |
| Affiliate membership – Emeritus | £10 | - Junior Class 3 | £10 |

Virtually all organisations have a stepped fee structure for different grades, including our own player members. Providing a 25% reduction for very nearly half of our referees, with the more experienced referees facing an increased fee being better placed to be offered paid refereeing duties & recoup their membership fee.

NEW JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

In a bid to attract more young referees, many of whom have no immediate ambition to officiate outside of their own clubs or leagues, we introduced a new category of referee membership at the beginning of last season. This Junior Class 3 membership will be open to anyone under 19 at the date of examination or at 31st December immediately prior to the new membership year (so under 19 at 31 December 2011 for the current renewal programme) who passes a **full Class 3 examination**.

This new affiliate membership category will carry a registration fee of just £15, which will include membership and a lapel badge only. The annual renewal fee is set at £10. These members will not be entitled to be considered for duties with EASB or international events. They will not be entitled to wear EASB tie or blazer badge but any junior members can, of course, apply for upgrade to full Class 3 membership at any time, for the normal £5 upgrade fee or pay the remaining £15 to obtain their EASB blazer badge and tie.

EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP

For 2010 we introduced a new category of membership, 'Referee Emeritus', an affiliate membership for referees who have **fully retired** from active service, but who wish to maintain a connection with the Association, and to continue to use the EASB blazer and tie. This **non-voting affiliate membership** costs just £10 per annum, membership cards will be issued and accounts and AGM information will be circulated.

EUROPEAN BILLIARDS & SNOOKER ASSOCIATION – EBSA R&RC

As last year, I can confirm that the EASB membership fee includes automatic affiliation to the EBSA and the "International Billiards and Snooker Federation"(IBSF). Due to the dates to which they work for the production of their bi-annual issue of cards, they are supplied with a list of members as at 31st October. The next new EBSA cards should arrive in the New Year of **2012** (based on registration details as at 31st October 2011).

REFEREE NAME BADGES

Just to remind you that the name badges we now supply are of a superior quality with a magnetic fastening. Replacements are available at a cost of £6 each, from the website shop - <http://easbshop.wytech.co.uk/> or by sending back a completed Merchandise Order Form which is enclosed with this pack.

MAINTENANCE OF GRADE

Lapsed Referees and those not choosing to renew for one or more years, will have to be reassessed and recommendations for their Class grading will be verified by the Referees Committee.

EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

In order to improve communications with referee members and minimise administrative time and costs, we would request you to provide an email address on the attached form wherever available?

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

As ever, there will be a number of opportunities to officiate at national and international levels, therefore those interested should complete the 'tick box' provided on the Refereeing Locations/Venues form and provide your email address in order for us to circulate details, which will also be published on the EASB website.

Normally Class 3 Referees are supplied by the 'Host Nation' and are not permitted to officiate beyond the Round Robin stages but any members wishing to be considered, should inform me of their availability and I will forward their names for consideration. Selection will be based upon application, expertise, experience and recent EASB workload.

REFEREE DATABASE

To assist us in updating and maintaining our database, and to make the task of our referee coordinators as easy as possible, I continue to ask you to complete an Annual Activity Log which you should submit with your renewal. Assessment Forms will also be completed and submitted by Tournament Directors at EASB events and both of these documents will be used when making selections for future tournaments, both nationally and internationally.

The renewal form asks you to confirm your activity status:

Fully Active: Willing to participate in any and all EASB events including consideration for international or representative duties within geographical parameters set by you.

Locally Active: Willing to participate occasionally with local EASB events but prefer to stay involved mainly at local club/league level.

Inactive / Non-Active: Wish to remain a member but not willing/able to actively participate at refereeing but may be involved with administrative duties – see 'Emeritus' category.

Availability: We also request that you complete a Venue Availability form, stating those venues to which you are prepared to travel and the dates that you anticipate being available. Your co-ordinator (Steve Starkie for the north, myself, Dan Lewis for Midlands, and Richard Bellamy for the south) will contact you in the weeks immediately preceding those dates to confirm your availability and appointment. It really is important that you complete this form, as it is anticipated that we will shortly be confirming appointments for all events to the end of the 2011/12 season.

ARE YOU WILLING TO ACT AS A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR?

A very small number of referees act in the capacity of TD, and the Association is keen to engage more referees in this role, particularly now that there are many more events taking place, creating a significant increase in our requirement for TDs. If you are willing to be considered as a TD, then please indicate on the attached form. We won't chuck you in at the deep end and will provide full coaching and documentation to ensure you're in a position to run a successful tournament! TDs are remunerated at the rate of £40 per day to cover the additional pre- and post-event time dealing with the event administration.

MILEAGE PAYMENTS

In recognition of the increased fuel prices, the Board has now approved an increased mileage rate of 25p per mile. This is paid to referees and TDs for anything in excess of a 60 mile round trip on EASB duties and may be paid by the Tournament Director at the conclusion of an event, or by submission of a formal claim form.

INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE

You are reminded that EASB have in place Professional Indemnity insurance which will provide you with cover against claims of negligence whilst performing your duties as an official EASB referee to a maximum of £500,000. You are also insured for Public Liability claims up to £1,000,000. Please note that this insurance will only apply where you are acting as an official at any national or international event organised by ourselves, **or events organised by an affiliated member League, Club or Association.**

LEAGUE/CLUB MEMBERSHIP

If you're League, Club or Association are not currently affiliated to EASB, you are encouraged to bring this information to their attention. League and Association membership costs just £25 and also enables players registered with affiliated organisations to have direct entry into most EASB competitions (without the need for individual membership), upon payment of the appropriate entrance fee.



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A membership for the 2011/2012 season commenced on July 1st 2011 and is **FREE** until 31st March 2012. A Club Membership Application Form is enclosed with this pack.

REFEREES TOURNAMENT

We are actively considering running a Referees' Snooker and maybe Billiards competition over a single weekend and wondered if this would get your support? I would like to resurrect the 'Len Oldham Trophy', a team event based on a rules quiz and include it over the said weekend – anyone interested? Please reply to d.lewis@englishsnooker.com – last season only one reply!

EASB WEBSITE – REFEREES NEWS

Over the last 2½ years the website – www.englishsnooker.com – has been updated with news of all new, upgraded, retired and transferred Referees, together with achievements and appointments. I would welcome any suggestions on how to improve this webpage; it is maintained on a weekly/daily basis for your information. A short abbreviated definition of the "Foul and Miss" rule (for local leagues, etc.) showing the one fundamental change, is attached.

New Rulebooks (White & pocket size) available @ £7:00p from the EASB online shop, listing rules for Snooker, abbreviated forms of the game and Billiards.

EUROPEAN DATABASE

The European Association (EBSA) have asked us to supply the date and (lead) Examiner's name for all certificated Referees, **for their last upgrade/examination only** - in both disciplines (where applicable). The EASB database is incomplete in this respect (we have now added fields to remedy this omission), and I would therefore be grateful if you would complete the details asked for below and space has been provided on your membership renewal form for this. - **This information is vital, if we are to continue to develop and progress** -

| | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Snooker Class | Date (approx' if not known) | Tutor / Examiner |
| Billiards Class | Date (approx' if not known) | Tutor / Examiner |

WEARING OF UNIFORM

If asked to officiate at any EASB, EBSA or IBSF event, referees are reminded that the standard uniform is current EASB tie and EASB blazer and name badges (**NOT those of any other organisation**), unless you are working for either of the International bodies and not officiating on behalf of the EASB. Sponsors logos (max 4 ins sq.) are permitted, so long as they don't conflict with the sponsor of that tournament. TDs will strictly apply this dress code and those who do not conform will not be allowed to officiate.

All referees are requested **NOT** to wear EASB 'regalia' if officiating at any event that does not use the **FULL** rules of Snooker, **with the exception of tournaments run under the provided rules for any of the abbreviated forms of the game – such as "6 Reds Snooker"** – see the website (Referees page).

Only 'paid up' members of the EASB and 'Honorary Life Members' are entitled to wear the EASB regalia, therefore I would ask all non-members (or suspended members) to remove their blazer badges and not to wear the EASB tie – colleagues should advise non-members of this ruling or inform me of any transgressions, so that the appropriate action can be taken. I have/will be notifying local Examiners of those who allegedly remain members of their local association but are no longer certificated referees – enjoying the recognition without contributing to our meagre funds.

With best wishes to you and your family for 2012



Dan Lewis, EASB Director of Referees



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2012 REFEREE SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM



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|--------------------------------------|--|-----------|--|
| MEMBERSHIP NUMBER | | RF | |
| NAME | | | |
| ADDRESS | | | |
| | | | |
| | | POSTCODE | |
| DATE OF BIRTH | | | |
| HOME TELEPHONE | | | |
| MOBILE TELEPHONE | | | |
| EMAIL (Please print clearly or Type) | | | |
| CURRENT REFEREE GRADE | | SNOOKER | |
| | | BILLIARDS | |

RENEWAL FEES (Please tick the box below your grade)

| Tutors / Examiners | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Emeritus* | Junior |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|
| £30.00 | £27.00 | £20.00 | £15.00 | £10.00 | £10.00 |
| | | | | | |

(* Applications for Emeritus status will only be accepted from fully retired referees.

Please ensure that you complete the attached Availability form, stipulating whether you are 'Fully Active', 'Locally Active', 'Inactive / Non-Active' showing venues to which you are prepared to travel and identifying whether you are prepared to act as a Tournament Director for the EASB.

The European Association (EBSA) have asked us to supply the date and (lead) Examiner's name for all certificated Referees, **for their last upgrade/examination only** - in both disciplines Please complete the details below.

European Database:

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------|--|----------------|--|
| Snooker Class | | Date of Exam (If Known) | | Tutor/Examiner | |
| Billiards Class | | Date of Exam (If Known) | | Tutor/Examiner | |

Please renew my Referee membership for 2012.

I consent to the EASB holding my personal details on computerised records.

I consent to the EASB publishing my name, location (town) and Referee grade on its website.

Signed _____ Date _____

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE

Cheque enclosed to the value of £ _____ (Cheques made payable to "EASB" and sent to the above address)

PAYMENT BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

We accept the following cards:



Please charge my credit/debit card with the sum of £ _____ Cardholders Signature _____

Card No: _____ Card Type: _____

Expiry Date: _____ Valid From: _____ Security No: _____ Issue No (Switch) _____

Name on card: _____ and if different to address above,

Cardholders Postcode: _____ Card address (first line): _____

THE ENGLISH ASSOCIATION OF SNOOKER & BILLIARDS
 POSSIBLE REFEREEING LOCATIONS / VENUES



Full Name _____

Membership Number RF _____

Fully Active _____ Locally Active _____ Inactive _____

I would like to be considered as a **Tournament Director** YES / NO Delete as Appropriate

I would like to be considered for Events outside the UK (Indicate below)

European Events **Worldwide Events**

Below is a list of Locations / Venues that the EASB may use to stage events at during the following 12 months. If you would like to be considered for work at any of our events would you please indicate, by placing a **X** in the appropriate box, which of the Venues listed you would be prepared to travel to for refereeing duties. The Venues that are shown in **BOLD type face** are those that have agreed to host tournaments this season.

Co-ordinator Steve Starkie - s.starkie@englishsnooker.com Mob 07879 405158

NORTH WEST

Bolton
 Bury
 Carlisle
Hazel Grove
Liverpool
 Mobberley
 Oldham
Preston
 Southport
 Swinton Leisure

YORKSHIRE

Bradford
Eckington
Harrogate
Hull
Leeds
Sheffield
Wakefield

NORTH EAST

Durham
Gateshead
Hartlepool (Snkr Ctr)
Hartlepool (Sam's Club)
Whitley Bay

Co-ordinator Dan Lewis - d.lewis@englishsnooker.com

EAST MIDLANDS

Beccles
 Bedford
Clay Cross
Derby
Grantham
 Grimsby (R Edmonds)
 Grimsby (Cue World)
Leicester
 Lincoln (Monks Rd)
Lincoln (Rileys)
 Newark
Northampton
Rushden

EAST ANGLIA

Bury St. Edmonds
Cambridge
 Kings Lynn
 Ware

WEST MIDLANDS

Bilston
 Birmingham (H/Heath)
Brierley Hill
Erdington
 Kidderminster
Landywood
Newcastle-under-Lyme
Nuneaton
Stoke
Sutton Coldfield

Co-ordinator Richard Bellamy - r.bellamy@englishsnooker.com

SOUTH WEST

Chelmsford
Gloucester
 Keynsham
Plymouth
 Poole
Salisbury
Swindon

LONDON/SOUTH EAST

Brighton
Chandlers Ford
Chelmsford
 Eastbourne
Fareham
 Hassocks
 Southampton
Woking

We are always pleased to hear of recommendations for new locations / venues to hold our tournaments so if you have a location / venue that you think would be suitable please complete the enclosed Club Membership Form and return it to the office at the address shown.



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EASB MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

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Website www.englishsnooker.com



SURNAME (contact for club/league) _____

FIRST NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____

TELEPHONE _____

MOBILE _____

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE / POSTAL ORDER

Cheque / Postal Orders enclosed to the value of £ _____
(Cheques made payable to 'EASB' and sent to the address above)

PAYMENT BY CREDIT / DEBIT CARD



We accept the following cards:

Please charge my card with the sum of £ _____

Card Number _____

Card Type _____

Expiry date _____

Security number _____

Name on Card _____

(if different to members address)

Cardholders Post Code _____

First Line Cardholders address _____

Cardholders Signature _____

Valid from _____

Issue No(Switch) _____

| Item | Description | Unit Cost (£) | Units | Total Items (£) |
|--------------------------------|--|---------------|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | EASB Tie – Members Only | 8.50 | | |
| 2 | EASB Blazer Badge – Referee Members Only. | 7.00 | | |
| 3 | White Cotton Gloves (Pair) – Best quality English Made by Dents S (7½ - 8) M (8½ - 9) L (9½) XL (10) (Please Select) | 8.50 | | |
| 4 | Enamel Tie Pin / Lapel badge | 2.75 | | |
| 5 | Book Snooker Players Guide to English Billiards By Martin Goodwill and Roger Morgan | 19.95 | | |
| 6 | Name Badge (De Lux model, magnetic clip) Note:- delivery Name will be used Unless stated Otherwise | 6.00 | | |
| 7 | Ball Marker (EASB Approved) | 2.20 | | |
| 8 | Top quality Polo Shirts (Small, Medium & Large Please Indicate size Required) White, Black, Navy (Please Select) | 14.99 | | |
| 9 | Billiards & Snooker Referees Handbook By Peter Rook and John Street | 10.80 | | |
| 10 | Rule Book (Pocket size (Issued by World Snooker 2011) | 7.00 | | |
| Postage & Packing * | | | | |

*P&P costs for all orders delivered to a UK address
1 unit ...£1.66 2 Units ...£2.00 3 or more ...£2.50

TOTAL £ _____

EASB Club Membership Scheme



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To all Club Owners and Managers,

Please find attached a membership form for the 2011/12 season, which will enable your club to join the English Association of Snooker and Billiards.

We are pleased to announce that as we are undergoing a major development of the Club membership scheme, and for a limited period we are offering **FREE MEMBERSHIP** to all clubs that fulfil the membership criteria as set out on the entry form.

Previously, Club membership has ran alongside Player and League/Association membership but this will change from the 1st April 2012 to allow the EASB to ensure all clubs are accredited centres in order to host EASB events. In the meantime, up to the 31st March 2012, all clubs will receive 'free' membership to the scheme.

Over the course of the next eight months, we will also be working hard to develop an Accreditation scheme for all clubs, which means your club could become an "EASB Accredited Snooker Venue". More details on this will be released over the course of the coming season.

Club Membership benefits are still being developed and enhanced but will include :

- A free link on the EASB website
- One player from the club gains free entry into the Club Players Championship.
- The opportunity to win a free snooker exhibition with the EASB's new coaching patron, Joe Perry.

Other benefits will be introduced during this Season but will only be available to Full Members from April 2012.

At the moment, with free membership, you can't lose! All you need to do is return the membership form to the office address, and you will then be issued a players pack, which will give you all the information you need in order to enter players from your club into EASB events.

We are also developing a poster advertising the EASB and our operations, and we hope that this will be available shortly after the season starts.

We look forward to welcoming your club to the EASB, and to meet up with you during the course of the coming season.

regards,

John Hartley
EASB Chairman

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CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2011-12

In order to qualify for affiliate membership under this category the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ Must occupy a premises located within the geographic boundaries of England.
- ❖ Have a subscribing membership of individuals.
- ❖ The premises must include at least one full sized billiard table.
- ❖ Private residences are specifically excluded.

EASB reserve the right to allow or to refuse membership in either category whether or not the above criteria is fully met. Applicants who do not fully meet the criteria should check their position with the Association.

*** MEMBERSHIP FOR CLUBS IS FREE UNTIL 31st MARCH 2012 ***

CLUB NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CONTACT ADDRESS: _____

_____ POSTCODE: _____

TELEPHONE(S): (club) _____ (mobile) _____

IMPORTANT: The Club will be the sole point of contact for all information, including competition draws, and will be responsible for communicating this information to the relevant players. You must advise us promptly of any changes to the contact details. To avoid postal delay, this information will be sent by email as a preference. If you have an email address you would like to use, please enter below, preferably using UPPER CASE lettering for clarity.

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DECLARATION: I/We confirm that we meet the criteria for membership and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of membership also accepting responsibility for the conduct of any individuals entered into EASB competitions through this membership.

SIGNED: _____ POSITION: _____ DATE: _____

This form must be signed by an authorised representative of the Club.

CLUB DETAILS

(Please re-submit even if previously supplied)

Number of tables _____ Number for EASB use (if different) _____

Table time provided free of charge? YES / NO If NO, please specify _____

Car Parking availability YES / NO If YES, please state approx number of spaces _____

Hot food available YES / NO Cold food available YES / NO

Disabled Access / Toilets YES / NO Comments _____

Wi-Fi Availability YES / NO Connection speed/details _____

Club Availability (times) Saturdays Sundays

Please add any comments or further information relating to the above:



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GUIDE FOR LOCAL LEAGUES

THE MISS RULE - A SUMMARY for local League application

Author – Dan Lewis – EASB Director of Referees

- A A **Miss** shall be called, if, in the opinion of the 'Referee', the **Striker** has not made a genuine attempt to hit the **ball on** (or any ball deemed to be on). To judge this, use the criteria of whether you, as a player of similar ability, could (would expect to) do better. When playing a **swerve shot**, hitting the intervening ball should always result in a **Miss** being called; missing the **ball on** is a judgement call depending upon the player's ability and whether a **one cushion** escape is available.
- B If the **Striker** can see any part of any **ball on** (in a straight line), and fails to make first contact with a **ball on**, a **Miss** shall be called.
- C Should the **Striker** be able to see any **Ball on** "full ball" (not both edges but centre to centre contact) and fails to make first contact with a **Ball on**, a **Miss** shall be called (unless on the first occasion the N.B. below applies).
If a **Miss** is called and accepted, the balls are replaced and the **Striker** plays again. If the foul shot is repeated, again a **Miss** shall be called (this time regardless of the difference in scores, as a count has already commenced).
Should the **non-Striker** request that the shot be replayed again, the Referee shall warn the **Striker** that a third consecutive offence will result in the Frame being awarded to his opponent. Where points are recorded as part of the match, etc., the total number of points available at this time shall be added to the non-offenders score and the offenders score shall be reduced to zero.
- N.B.** For either A/B/C (subject to the caveat re' 'a count has already commenced') above, a **Miss** shall not be called if either player can't win the frame with the balls that remain on the table, or as a result of the **Foul**, there are insufficient points available to win. If either player can only tie and would require a 'Re-spotted Black' to win the Frame, a "Foul and a Miss" can no longer be called.
- 1 **The Miss rule** is a rule of Snooker and must be adhered to at all times.
 - 2 In the best traditions of Snooker, a player should call a **Foul** on himself for any accidental touching of a ball or similar offence.
 - 3 The Referee should consult both players about the replacing of balls after a **Miss** has been called, after which the Referee's decision will be final.
 - 4 Players refereeing matches should be vigilant at all times and should first ascertain whether a ball can be seen, prior to the next shot, where a possible rule infringement may result from that shot.