WORLD SNOOKER - BETTING RULES

1. Introduction
	1. These Rules shall not have retrospective effect.
	2. Any proven breach by a Member of the provisions of **Error! Reference source not found.** below will result in a lifetime ban from involvement in the game of snooker and billiards for that Member, save in circumstances where the relevant Member can show clear and exceptional mitigation.
2. Betting misconduct
	1. It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Member to do any of the following:
		1. Betting:
			1. to place, accept, lay or otherwise make a Bet with any other person in relation to the result, score, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match in which the Member is participating;
			2. to solicit, induce, entice, instruct, persuade, encourage, facilitate, authorise or permit any other person to enter into a Bet for the Member’s direct or indirect benefit in relation to the result, score, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match in which the Member or any person connected to them is participating;
			3. to ensure the occurrence of a particular incident in the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match, which occurrence is (to the Member’s knowledge) the subject of a Bet and for which he or any person Connected to them expects to receive or has received any reward;
			4. to have the power, actual or apparent, to influence the running of any company or other undertaking that promotes, brokers, arranges or conducts any form of Betting activity in relation to the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match (a “Betting Organisation”) and/or to be involved in any capacity (including as a director or shadow director) in the running of any Betting Organisation and/or to hold, deal in, or control any voting rights associated with the securities or shares of any Betting Organisation, save that a holding of less than 5% of the issued share capital of a Betting Organisation, for investment purposes only, shall be disregarded;
		2. Corruption:
			1. to fix or contrive, or to be a party to any effort to fix or contrive, the result, score, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match;
			2. to seek or accept or offer or agree to accept any bribe or other reward to fix or to contrive in any way or otherwise to influence improperly the result, score, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match;
			3. to fail, for reward, to perform to the best of his ability and in a fair and sporting manner in the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match in which he competes;
			4. to solicit, induce, entice, persuade, encourage or facilitate any Member to breach any of the foregoing provisions of this paragraph 2.1.2.
		3. Misuse of inside information:
			1. to use for betting purposes, or to provide to any other person for such purposes, any information relating to the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match that the Member possesses by virtue of his position within the sport and that is not in the public domain or readily accessible by the public;
			2. to provide information to any person for reward, before or during the Tour and/or any Tournament, regarding the competitors in a Tournament or Match, the conditions, tactical considerations or any other aspect of the Tournament or Match, unless such information is already in or will come into the public domain without delay or is readily accessible by the public;
			3. to solicit, induce, entice, persuade, encourage or facilitate any Member to breach any of the foregoing provisions of this paragraph 2.1.3.
		4. General:
			1. to engage in any other conduct (ie beyond that specified in paragraph 2.1.1to 2.1.3) that is corrupt or fraudulent, or creates an actual or apparent conflict of interest for the Member, or otherwise risks impairing public confidence in the integrity and/or the honest and orderly conduct of the Tour and/or any Tournament or Match;
			2. to provide or receive any reward that could bring the Member or the sports of snooker or billiards into disrepute.
		5. Attempt or complicity:
			1. to attempt to act, or to agree with any other person (whether or not also a Member) to act, or to intentionally give the impression to any other person that the Member is attempting or agreeing to act in breach of these Rules;
			2. to authorise, cause, assist, encourage, aid, abet, or cover up, or otherwise to be complicit in any acts or omissions of the type described in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.1.5.1, committed by a person connected with the Member;
	2. **Any** attempt or agreement (or intentional appearance of the same) shall be treated for purposes of these Rules as if a breach of the relevant provision(s) had been committed, whether or not such attempt or agreement (or intentional appearance of the same) in fact resulted in such breach.
	3. The following are not relevant to the determination of any breach under paragraph 2.1 (although they may be relevant to the issue of the sanction to be imposed, in the event that it is determined that a breach has occurred):
		1. the nature or outcome of any Bet in issue;
		2. the outcome of the Tournament and/or Match on which the Bet in issue was made;
		3. whether or not the Member’s efforts or performance (if any)in any Tournament and/or Match in issue were (or could be expected to have been) affected by the acts or omissions in question;
		4. whether or not any of the results in any Tournament and/or Match in issue were (or could be expected to have been) affected by the act or omissions in question.
3. Provisos
	1. It shall not be a breach of the provisions of clause 2.1 above for a Member to enter into any sponsorship or endorsement contract with a betting organisation.
	2. It shall not be a breach of the provisions of clause 2.1.3 to provide information as opinion to a journalist or as a commentator for immediate publication or broadcast in the mainstream media.