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## EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIPS

U18, U21 & Men – 17<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

EILAT / ISRAEL

11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Members,

On behalf of the EBSA Board of Directors and the Israel Snooker, Pool & Carom Association (ISPA), I have pleasure in inviting you to send players to take part in:

### The 2019 European Individual Snooker U18, U21 & Men Championships

**PLAYERS:** You'll find on the [www.ebsa.tv](http://www.ebsa.tv) website Entry and Travel-Accommodation forms that will be available for completion from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018, to be filled as instructed for a maximum entry of:

- Four (4) players for the Under 18's Championships (players must be under 18 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018).
- Four (4) players to Under 21's Championship (players must be under 21 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018).
- Five (5) Men players to Men's Championships (players must be aged 13 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019).

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 : Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**REFEREES:** A maximum of 26 international referees will be invited by the ISPA. Referees accommodation will be available starting from the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. ***Any referees wishing to have single occupancy will be required to pay the full cost of a single room for the duration of their stay.*** Accommodation will be provided on a Bed & Breakfast basis, with 2 referees sharing a room. One additional meal per day will be provided. Referees travelling to Eilat will receive from the EBSA an allowance of €300 to help them with their travel costs. Referees must be members of the EBSA and will be confirmed by the EBSA Referees Committee. Please remember to enter referees information to the online Travel and Accommodation Form.

**Closing date for Referee nominations is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

**HOTEL:** The hotel policy is that upon arrival, all guests are expected to pay the full balance for the room booking for the total number of nights/duration that have been booked. This can be paid by credit card or cash. Whilst it may be possible to extend room bookings, it will be solely dependent on the hotel having room availability. Neither the hotel, EBSA or ISPA can take any responsibility if rooms are not available to be extended for the remainder of the stay. All bookings including referees must be confirmed on the EBSA travel and Accommodation Form.

**CLOSING DATE FOR HOTEL BOOKINGS (EBSA TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION FORM): FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**

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**AIRPORT SECURITY:** As you know, the security at the Israeli airports is always strict. In order to help everyone travelling to the Championships to process through the airport as quickly as possible, it is critically important that everyone traveling is included on the attached Israeli Security Authorization (excel form). This form will be shared with the Immigration Security to confirm that people have already been checked by the system. It is also important that everyone is given a copy of the document as when arriving at the Airport, the document should be shown to the first security person who approaches you (already in the line for the security check of EL-AL or another company traveling to Israel). You should say that you are a "SECURITY CENTER PASSENGER". They will then be able to check the system and see your name in their system and will help you get through fast and easy (you may still be asked further questions by the Security Authority!). You can use your cell phone to show this Israeli security authorization. The same procedure with the Israel Security authorization applies to your flight from Eilat, Ovda or Tel-Aviv to your home. Please remember to take your luggage at Tel Aviv airport – between the international and the domestic flights (there is no direct transfer).

A representative from the Host Association will be waiting for all arrivals at Eilat Airport. Should there be any problems with travel, please call Hadar Ben-Dror at any time 24\7: +972-54-4230300.

**PASSPORTS:** Please ensure that there is at least six months remaining on the passport, before it expires. Any passport that is within six months of expiry may mean that travel will not be permitted by the airline.

**COACHING:** A cue Zone will be available at the U Magic Palace Hotel for coaching players and new EBSA Coaches. Please find attached letter from the EBSA coaching committee with more details.

**REFEREE SUPPLIES:** Any referees or members wishing to buy white gloves, rule books, EBSA ties, ball markers, etc., are requested to place an order for any items by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Items can then be paid for and collected during the Championships. Any order(s) should be sent to me in the first instance.

**Very Important:** According to the new EBSA/WPBSA agreement, the U21 and Men Champions will be nominated for the 2019/2021 Main Professional Tour and in addition, other top players will be selected to enter the qualifiers of the 2019 World Professional Snooker championship (Sheffield).

The Israel Snooker, Pool & Carom Association (ISPA), has asked me to assure you, that they will do everything to make your visit one to remember.

Yours in sport,

Simon Smith  
Director, General Secretary

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## Calendar of events

- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February: Welcome ceremony (U18's) – U Magic Palace Hotel 09:00
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February: Start of the U18 Matches 10:00
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February: Welcome ceremony (U21's) – U Magic Palace Hotel 09:00
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February: Start of the U21 Matches 10:00
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Start of the 'Peace & Sport Snooker Open' \*\* 10:00
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Semi-finals & Final of the U21 Championship
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Players & Referees meeting (Men's championship) 18:00
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Start of the Men Matches 10:00
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Official Opening Ceremony – U Magic Palace Hotel 20:00
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Final & Closing Ceremony U Magic Palace Hotel

\*\* This is IPSA invitation event to promote snooker within Israel and neighbouring countries. EBSA plan to invite four EBSA players to compete. Further details will be provided at the start of the Championships.

## Entry Fee

Please note an entry fee of **€ 60 (Sixty euro)** per player will be payable to the EBSA, to be paid before the start of the U21 & Men events and **€ 40 (Forty euro)** for the U18 event.

**No player will be allowed to take part if payment is not made**

## ACCOMMODATION & VENUE

16 STAR Steel-Block competition tables will be housed in the:

**U MAGIC PALACE HOTEL / EILAT**

North Beach – Eilat – Israel - Tel : +972 8636 9999

Website: [https://www.fattalhotels.com/hotels\\_in\\_israel/eilat\\_hotels/u\\_magic\\_palace\\_eilat/](https://www.fattalhotels.com/hotels_in_israel/eilat_hotels/u_magic_palace_eilat/)



**The Hotel requires full payment upon arrival for the accommodation that has been booked.  
There will be no refund for earlier check-outs**

**ALL HOTEL BOOKINGS MUST BE CONFIRMED ON EBSA TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION FORM  
BY FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**

## ROOM RATES

Single:	€ 105,-
Double or Twin:	€ 115,-
Triple:	€ 150,-

*All rooms Inclusive of Buffet breakfast • Free of charge wireless internet in room • Free of charge swimming pool in the luxury 5 Stars U Magic Palace Hotel*

All hotel bookings must be made directly on the [www.ebsa.tv](http://www.ebsa.tv)

Should you need any help then, please contact me at: [simon.p.smith@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:simon.p.smith@northumbria.ac.uk)

**Hotel facilities and ceremonies are ONLY available for guests staying at U Magic Palace Hotel**

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## TRANSPORT

**Transfers Airport/Hotel/Airport - 3 ways to arrive to the 'U Magic Hotel' in Eilat :**

- 1. Tel Aviv airport** with a transfer by plane or bus or car to Eilat (4 hours drive). Please check on internet
- 2. Eilat airport** (most recommended) and a taxi to the hotel (about 5-6 Euro) or transportation with 1 of our welcome people (no charge).
- 3. Eilat Ovda airport** (about 45 min. drive) – There is a public bus pickup to all hotels in Eilat and there is a possibility to order a shuttle at the following website: <https://eilatshuttle.com/>

## VISAS/FOOD/CURRENCY

Visas are not required by most European countries except for Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Moldova (Please check).

A good meal can be secured for €12 to €15.

Local currency is Israeli Shekel or ILS (1 € = 4.2 ILS approx.)

## 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 U18 and U21 Snooker Championships**

Highest Break 50.00 € + Trophy

Last 16 Not less than Entry fee

**The remainder of the Prize fund will be allocated as follows:**

Winner 40% + Trophy

Runner-up 20% + Trophy

Semi-Finalists 10% x 2 20%

Quarter Finalists 5% x 4 20%

### **European Mens Snooker Championships**

Highest Break 100.00 € + Trophy

Last 16 Not less than Entry fee

**The remainder of the Prize fund will be allocated as follows:**

Winner 40% + Trophy

Runner-up 20% + Trophy

Semi-Finalists 10% x 2 20%

Quarter Finalists 5% x 4 20%

**Please note that the closing date for confirming the final names of players is: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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