

24th April 2022

Dear Member,

I take great pleasure in advising you all of the details of this year's Home Internationals, as we need to start making our preparations now.

- The 2022 Home International Festival will be held from Friday 5th August to Friday 12th August 2022, once again at the Northern Snooker Centre in Leeds.
- An accommodation deal has been agreed with the Holiday Inn Express Leeds (see below).
- The Mens & Masters will take place from Friday 5th August to Monday 8th.
- The U16 and U21 and Women (if we get enough interest) will take place from Monday 8th to Thursday 10th August.
- The Billiards will take place on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th August.
- The Northern Snooker Centre Jim Williamson Billiards Open will take place on Saturday and Sunday 13th & 14th August.

It was agreed at this year's AGM that the proposal put forward by Ireland a few years ago will be introduced across all panels. I have attached a copy of their proposal to remind you of the format, but in short panels will be split into groups of 4 to play 3 round robin matches to establish positions for a semi-final playoff and a subsequent final, with positions 3 and 4 doing the same in a plate competition.

We have negotiated a deal with the Holiday Inn Express to let everyone stay in the Hotel for this year. There are some conditions that must be met for us to get this deal.

- All bookings must be made **direct** with the hotel through the attached link and group booking password. We will no longer be handling bookings on your behalf.
- The standard rooms available will be twin or double and the cost will be £65 per night for two sharing.
- There will also be family rooms available that can hold three sharing and these will cost £75 per room per night.
- All room prices will include full breakfast for all.
- Card details are required at the time of reservation, but charges will not be made until the date of the booking, giving opportunity to cancel should player's circumstances change.
- There is a car park fee of £6 per 24 hours.

The Referees and Tournament Team accommodation and associated costs will be booked and paid for by the Home Internationals Billiards and Snooker Federation directly, the NGBs will not be required to make any bookings in this regard. Referees will be provided with twin rooms to share with one other referee. Should referees wish to have a single occupancy room, that referee is required to cover the associated increase in costs.

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We are hoping to get 8 teams in each category and as there are 8 NGBs in this Association, this is one team for each. Where all NGBs do not enter teams in a panel, then additional teams will be accepted from the other NGBs. The winners of the previous competition will be offered an additional place first, with the remaining places being 'first come first served' for B teams. We would ask that any country who wishes to enter more than one team in a category please let us know as soon as possible, preferably by mid-May.

- We need everyone to let me know what panels they are sending by Saturday 4th June.
- We will also need the Home International Affiliation Fee to be paid by Saturday 4th June.
- We will need the player names for these panels and any known supporters by Saturday 2nd July.
- For the Juniors the names of any parents or guardians and supporters by Saturday 2nd July.
- We will need the names of the Referees being provided by each NGB by Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

We must be much stricter with our deadlines for this year. I cannot stress just how important it is that we meet these deadlines.

Kind regards,



Jim Leacy

Chair, HIBSF