



INITIATIVE/CAMPAIGN

World Disability Billiards and Snooker Tour

LAUNCHED

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“It’s my honour to engage with people with disabilities to play this great sport. Snooker was the only non para sport to be part of the World Abilitysport Games and hopefully by involving people from around the world to play on Tour events we can make our Paralympic ambition come true.”

NIGEL MAWER

Chair of WDBS and Vice Chair WPBSA



WHAT IS IT?

World Disability Billiards and Snooker (WDBS) was founded by the WPBSA with guidance from Activity Alliance in 2015 to give more people with disabilities the opportunity to play cue sports around the world. WDBS aims to see snooker – a founding sport of the Paralympic Games - restored to the Games for the first time since 1988.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

WDBS is organised and run by its Board of Directors. This includes Chairman Nigel Mawer and fellow directors Bob Hill, Chris Whitaker, Mickey Chambers and Da Chen, as supported by WPBSA Chairman Jason Ferguson and his team of administrators. The WDBS Tour sees over 150 players compete at international tournaments several times a year.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The WDBS Tour comprises a series of disability snooker events held around the world for players from 36 individual classification profiles, who represent eight core disability classification groups. In 2023 this led to snooker’s inclusion in the World Abilitysport Games for the first time, which saw athletes from around the world compete in Nakhon Ratchasima to become champion of their respective classification group.

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