



This season's BUCS snooker competition will implement the following changes compared to last season's event:

1. This seasons event will be held in Derby, split over two venues: McCluskey's (Spondon Snooker Club) and Cueball. Players may be required to change between the two venues on the Friday and the Saturday of the event, but players will only need to change venues a maximum of once a day.
2. Each team will be allowed a squad of 6 players where 5 will play in a single match. You will not be allowed to begin a match with less than 5 players present.
3. The miss rule has been amended so a miss can only be called when either (a) the striker miscues at any time and fails to hit a ball on, or (b) the striker fails to make a genuine attempt to hit a ball on when totally snookered. The previous rule where a miss can be called when the striker fails to hit a ball on unless totally snookered on all balls on has now been removed.
4. The rule regarding concessions when over three snookers behind now applies at any stage: "If the striker needs more than three snookers (four if a free ball has been awarded) to tie at any stage, a frame is over and play must cease immediately."
5. There will be a limit of 48 teams in total at the event with priority given to first teams, second teams, and so on, with previous performances ranking those teams. We will inform social media on the Friday morning after the deadline which teams have been accepted if the number of teams entered is greater than 48.
6. Each match will consist of ten frames where each player will play two frames against a maximum of two different opponents as indicated on the team matchesheet. The match order will replicate the order in the BUCS-UPC Men's Eight-Ball Championships. Once a team reaches six frames they are declared the winners and the match is over, any frames in progress are stopped immediately. All frames will consist of 15 reds at all times, apart from in shoot-outs in the knockout phase as described in point 7.
7. Should a match in the knockout phase end in a draw after the completion of ten frames, the winner shall be determined by shoot-out. This will begin by the two respective captains nominating three players who will play a single opponent over one six-red frame. Once a team wins two frames they are deemed to be the winners and the shoot-out is completed and any other frames in play are stopped.
8. As previously last season, first team and unattached players will play in the Individual Championship with all other players playing in the Individual Trophy. However, if players from non-first teams would like to play at Championship level, they will be allowed to. In these instances, their institution contact will need to e-mail the Tournament Director by Sunday 3rd March 2019 stating which players wish to play at the level. Note that the Individual Trophy will not carry BUCS points or prize money this season. There will be no separate Women's Individual Competition this season.

If you have any question before the event please e-mail Tournament Director, Ben Hubbard, at the following e-mail address: ben.hubbard@upc-pool.org.uk. All players are responsible for reading the competition regulations before the event.