

WPBSA Disciplinary Cases September 2020 - May 2025

Date of Hearing	Name	Breach	Event	Date of Breach	Sanction
20/10/2020	Alfie Burden	Inappropriate behaviour towards hotel staff in event hotel	World Championship Qualifiers	26/07/2020	£1,000 fine suspended for 2020-21 season
14/12/2020	Jamie O'Neill	Repeated inappropriate comments on social media	N/A	14/12/2020	£1,000 fine suspended until 13/12/2021
15/01/2021	Jamie O'Neill	Posting 10 live streams on social media with inappropriate content	N/A	01/01/2021	Suspended £1,000 fine of 14/12/2021 imposed £1,000 fine suspended until 13/12/2021
24/01/2021	David Lilley	Inappropriate behaviour and arguing with referee	Seniors Masters Qualifiers	04/01/2021	Fined £100 and formal warning
24/01/2021	Gary Wilson	Playing deliberate foul to concede the frame	Championship League	07/01/2021	Fined £250 and formal warning
27/05/2021	Jamie O'Neill	Inappropriate behaviour towards hotel staff and breaching hotel rules; Breach of event Covid policy; Unacceptable behaviour towards WST Staff	Snooker Shoot Out Milton Keynes	06/02/2021	A two event suspension and a suspended suspension until the conclusion of the 2022 World Championship; Ordered to pay suspended fine of £1,000 imposed 15/01/21; to pay £1,500 in costs
27/07/2021	Lu Ning	Breach of WSL player's contract regarding broadcast appearance two cases	N/A	15-16/05/2021 14-18/06/2021	Fined £1,500 and formal warning
27/07/2021	Xu Si	Breach of WSL player's contract regarding broadcast appearance	N/A	14-18/06/2021	Fined £500 and formal warning
27/07/2021	Zhao Jianbo	Breach of WSL player's contract regarding broadcast appearance	N/A	14-18/06/2021	Fined £500 and formal warning
10/07/2021	Zhao Jianbo	Failure to take day 8 Covid test	N/A	29/06/2021	Formal warning
10/07/2021	Gao Yang	Failure to take day 8 Covid test	N/A	29/06/2021	Formal warning

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02/08/2021	Gerard Greene	Failing to play out a frame by playing deliberate foul shots to concede	Seniors Qualifier	22/07/2021	Fined £250 and formal warning
25/08/2021	Igor Figueiredo	Failure to complete a frame before snookers were required	Seniors Qualifier	25/07/2021	Formal warning
25/08/2021	Elliot Slessor	Breach of WSL player's contract by criticism of table on social media	Championship League	30/07/2021	Fined £500 and formal warning
16/12/2021	Peter Lines	Insulting and abusive behaviour towards opponent after his match	Northern Ireland Open Qualifiers	26/08/2021	Fined £2,500 and to pay £5,464.80 costs
18/01/2022	Jamie O'Neill	Insulting comments and gestures to WSL Staff and playing under the influence of alcohol	Northern Ireland Open Qualifiers	23/08/2021	6 month suspension to 31/07/22 fined £1,500 and £3,200 costs
08/03/2022	Oliver Lines	Posted inappropriate comments on social media	N/A	03/11/2021	Fined £1,000, formal warning and to pay £400 costs
08/03/2022	Louis Heathcote	Posted inappropriate comments on social media	N/A	03/11/2021	Formal warning and to pay £400 costs
08/03/2022	Sean O'Sullivan	Posted inappropriate comments on social media	N/A	03/11/2021	Formal warning and to pay £400 costs
08/03/2022	Fergal Quinn	Posted inappropriate comments on social media	N/A	03/11/2021	Formal warning and to pay £400 costs
02/03/2022	Chae Ross	Betting on snooker	N/A	2020-2022	Formal warning and to pay £513.52
09/05/2022	Simon Blackwell	Offered opponent money to fix match and offered to lose another match	EPSB Open Series Event 13	27/03/2022	18 month Suspension until 15/10/2023 and to pay £1,400 costs
03/06/2022	Liang Wenbo	Conduct unbecoming a sports person and bringing the sport into disrepute	N/A	09/02/2022	4 month suspension until 01/08/2022 and to pay £1,000 costs
09/06/2022	Robert Milkins	Extreme drunken behaviour at a WSL Event opening ceremony	Nirvana Turkish Masters	06/03/2022	Fined £6,000 and to pay £1,000 costs
09/06/2022	Matthew Selt	Abusive and insulting messages sent in private messages on social media	N/A	17/04/2022	Fined £2,000 and to pay £1,000 costs
16/09/2022	Ronnie O'Sullivan	Making an obscene gesture during match x2	UK Championship and World Championship	03/12/21 and 17/04/2022	Fined £2,000 and to pay £2,000 costs

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25/10/2022	Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon	Match fixing x6	Various 2013-2015	2013-2015	Suspended for 6 years of which the last 3 years are suspended until 14/06/28. To pay costs of £1,925
28/12/2022	Dave Gilbert	Conceding frame before snookers required	German Masters Qualifying	24/11/2022	Formal warning
10/01/2023	Luca Brecel	Inappropriate behaviour towards the crowd	UK Championship York	13/11/2022	Fined £1,000
05/02/2023	Mark Allen	Inappropriate language used in post-match interview and interview with a journalist	World Grand Prix	22/01/2023	Fined £1,000
21/03/2023	Garry Coulson	Drunken, inappropriate and insulting behaviour	Q Tour 4 Stockholm	26/11/2022	12 month suspension to 07/12/23 to pay £925 costs
09/04/2023	Leo Fernandez	Not playing to the best of his ability in a Q Tour event	Q Tour 6 Leeds	07/01/2023	Suspended until Q School 2024 to pay £925 costs
24/04 -26/04 and 03/05/23	Liang Wenbo	Match fixing x5 Solicited players to match fix x9 Betting on snooker on multiple occasions Making threats to two players Obstructing the investigation by deleting messages and requesting others to delete messages Failing to cooperate with the investigation	Multiple Events 2022	2022	Life ban and to pay costs of £43,000
24/04 -26/04 and 03/05/23	Li Hang	Match fixing x7 Solicited players to match fix x7 Betting on snooker on multiple occasions Obstructing the investigation by deleting messages and requesting others to delete messages	Multiple Events 2022	2022	Life ban and to pay costs of £43,000
24/04 -26/04 and 03/05/23	Lu Ning	Match fixing x4 Betting on snooker on multiple occasions Obstructing the investigation by deleting messages	Multiple Events 2014/15 and 2022	2014/15 and 2022	Suspended for 5 years and 4 months until 06/04/2028. To pay costs of £7,500
24/04 -26/04 and 03/05/23	Bai Langning	Match fixing	British Open	26/09/2022	Suspended for 2 years and 8 months until 06/08/2025. To pay costs of £7,500

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24/04 -26/04 and 03/05/23	Zhou Jianbo	Match fixing Betting on snooker	Northern Ireland Qualifier	26/08/2022	Suspended for 2 years and 4 months until 07/05/2025. To pay costs of £7,500
24/04 -26/04 and 03/05/23	Chang Bingyu	Match fixing	British Open	28/09/2022	Suspended for 2 years until 01/12/2024. To pay costs of £7,500
24/04 -26/04 and 03/05/23	Yan Bingtao	Match fixing x4 Betting on snooker on multiple occasions	Paul Hunter Classic Welsh Open Turkish Masters British Open	2016 and 2022	Suspended for 5 years until 11/12/2027. To pay costs of £7,500
24/04 -26/04 and 03/05/23	Zhao Xintong	Being a party to match fixing x2 Betting on snooker on multiple occasions	Welsh Open Turkish Masters	03/03 and 11/03/2022	Suspended for 20 months until 01/09/2024. To pay costs of £7,500
24/04 -26/04 and 03/05/23	Chen Zifan	Match fixing x3	European Masters Qualifier British Open Northern Ireland Qualifier	July/August 2022	Suspended for 5 years until 20/12/2027. To pay costs of £7,500
24/04 -26/04 and 03/05/23	Zhang Jiankang	Match fixing Betting on snooker x2 Failing to cooperate with the investigation	European Masters Qualifier	22/07/2022	Suspended for 2 years and 11 months until 01/12/2025. To pay costs of £7,500
17/05/2023	Luo Honghao	Put posts on social media in China stating he deliberately lost a match	Q Tour 4 Stockholm	25/11/2022	Suspended from 03/04/23 to 02/07/23. To pay costs of £1,350
21/07/2023	Alfie Burden	1. Swearing in live TV broadcast interview 2. Swearing on camera in-match 3. Swearing in live TV broadcast interview	World Seniors Championship	06/05 and 07/05/2023	Fined £1,500 and to pay costs of £950
16/11/2023	Tom Ford	Inappropriate comments to an audience member	British Open Cheltenham	27/09/2023	Fined £1,000 and a formal warning
20/12/2023	Stephen Maguire	Conceding frame before snookers required	UK Championship	23/11/2023	Fined £750 and formal warning

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09/02/2024	Michael White	Inappropriate behaviour by guest	Snooker Shootout Swansea	06/12/2023	Formal warning
09/02/2024	Zhang Anda	Inappropriate behaviour by guest	Snooker Shootout Swansea	06/12/2023	Formal warning
07/04/2024	Garry Coulson	Inappropriate conduct towards female player x3 and fail to cooperate with the enquiry	WSF Championship Albania	02/02/2024	Suspended for 2 years up until 06/02/26. To pay costs of £2,500
15/08/2024	Louise Foster	Inappropriate behaviour at a WWS Event	WWS Belgium	21/01/2024	Suspension suspended for 3 months until 13/03/25. To pay co of £3,883
07-09/05/2024	Mark King	Match fixing and providing inside information	Welsh Open 2023	13/02/2023	Suspended for 5 years to 17/03/2028. To pay cost of £68,299.50
20/01/2025	Mark Allen	Publicly criticising snooker parties in TV interview and live newspaper interview	British Open	23/09/2024	Fined £4,000 of which £2,500 suspended until 05/03/26. To pay costs of £1,753
18/02/2025	Matthew Selt	1. Aggressive behaviour and rude and abusive language towards a Matchroom Executive 2. Sending an abusive text message to a WPBSA Member 3. Aggressive behaviour and rude and abusive language towards a WPBSA Member	Saudi Masters Riyadh	29/08, 01/09 and 04/09/24	Suspended for 3 months suspended until end of 2026 season. Fined £10,000. To pay costs of £11,000
26/02/2025	Ding Junhui	Publicly criticising snooker parties in social media posts	Scottish Open	12/12/2024	Fined £4,000, £2,500 of which suspended to 13/03/25. To pay £975 in costs
19/05/2025	Alfie Burden	Inappropriate behaviour in his match	World Seniors event 9	06/04/2025	Fined £1,500 and formal warning as to his future behaviour