

## GUIDELINES FOR THE LADIES WORLD MATCHPLAY

### The Ladies final field at the PWLIBC will be as follows:

1. The Reigning Ladies World Matchplay Champion.
2. The non European Overseas Countries are to organise and run a Qualifier for one space ***(or by WBT overseas invitation if no overseas qualifiers have taken place – if there is no overseas lady player available then the previous years runner-up is invited. If the runner up cannot attend then the first available lady from the current European PBA ranking list is invited to attend.)***
3. The **WIBC** Ladies Champion (Classed as Amateur unless already a PBA member)
4. The top 3 available Ladies off the **PBA** European Ranking List (as at the 1<sup>st</sup> November in the year immediately prior to the current World Championships ie: for the 2017 World Indoor Championships the Ladies will come from the PBA Ranking list as at 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016).
5. Two qualifiers from the European **PBA** run qualifying events. Overseas Countries may also enter these qualifiers if they so wish.

All Ladies that qualify for the Ladies World Indoor Professional Matchplay Singles are also eligible for the World Indoor Professional Mixed Pairs Matchplay as a general rule, however, there are times when this becomes not possible as the Mixed Pairs is made up from the top 8 players in the **WBT** Ranking List paired in an open draw with the defending Champions being given an automatic space.

- (a) As a general rule all 8 Ladies are eligible for the drawn World Indoor Mixed Pairs
- (b) There are occasions where the defending Champion of the Ladies Singles may well differ to the defending Champion of the Indoor Mixed Pairs and where that happens the rule will be that the Mixed Pairs defending Champion does **NOT** go through automatically into the Ladies singles and that the **WIBC** Singles Champion does **NOT** go through automatically into the pairs.
- (c) In the Mixed Pairs only the Defending Champions remain partnered, all other pairs are drawn with the remaining players from the current **WBT** Top 8 Seeded Players at the event.
- (d) In the event that the Ladies Singles Defending Champion is not available then the first available Lady in ranking order from the current European **PBA** Ranking list is invited.
- (e) In the event that where the Defending Mixed Pairs Ladies Champion is unavailable ***(if different to the Ladies Singles Champion)*** then the following happens:
  - a. Prior to the Draw

1. *The Ladies Singles Champion is allocated that position and the WIBC Champion goes into the draw.*
- b. After the Draw
1. *A straight replacement with the relevant player as per the guidelines above with WIBC Champion as first offered.*
- (f) In the event that neither the Overseas Player or Ladies Singles Runner up is not available then the first available in ranking order from the current European **PBA** Ranking list is invited to attend.
- (g) In the event that the **WIBC** Champion is not able to attend then the **WIBC** runner up is invited to attend and should the runner up not be able to take up the invitation then the first available Lady from the current European **PBA** Ranking list in ranking order is invited to attend.
- (h) In the event that either the **WIBC** Champion or the runner up are already in the Tournament through other qualification then the first available Lady in ranking order from the current European **PBA** Ranking list is invited to attend.
- (i) In the event that any of the top three European **PBA** Ranked ladies cannot either attend or are already in the tournament then the Ladies replacement is sought from the current European **PBA** Rankings in ranking order til one can attend.
- (j) In the event that either of the Ladies qualifiers from the Open qualifiers cannot attend then the runner up from the relevant qualifier is invited to attend. If that runner up is not available then the runner up from the other qualifier is invited to attend, should neither runner up be available then the first available Lady in ranking order from the current European **PBA Ranking** list is invited.
- (k) In the event that there is a need for a last minute replacement whilst at the Tournament and prior to the event starting and there is no time for the channels as set out above then the Tournament Director has the right to seek an immediate replacement from any Lady that is a current member of the **PBA** and on the current European **PBA Ranking** list within the first top 10 if possible.
- (l) Where the automatic placing, invites and replacement are stipulated to come from the European PBA Ranking List then this list is the list in force as of the **PBA** year end immediately prior to the World Championships in question, ie; for the 2017 Professional World Indoor Champions the current European **PBA Ranking List** is the list at year end 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016.
- (m) Amateur status means that the player will not be eligible for any ranking points, **PBA** or **WBT** prize monies within that tournament. Any such amateur classed player will be given every opportunity prior to the start of any such event to join the **PBA** and therefore enjoy the full benefits of the Association.