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## **WORLD POOL ASSOCIATION – PRESS RELEASE**

### **World Pool Association Moves to Protect Players**

February 28, 2024, the WPA is excited to announce that it will treat the following tournaments as WPA sanctioned events:

- Premier League Pool
- World Pool Masters
- U.K. Open Pool Championship
- World Cup of Pool
- European Open Pool Championship
- U.S. Open Pool Championship
- Mosconi Cup

What this means for all athletes regarding the WPA's decision to take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> March; no athlete will face any penalty from the WPA or its members for participating in all these sanctioned tournaments.

In addition to these events, the World 9-Ball Pool Championships scheduled for Saudi Arabia for the next 10 years will also continue to be sanctioned by the WPA. And we are delighted that Matchroom has made this a million-dollar tournament!

The WPA is prepared to sanction further Matchroom tournaments on application by Matchroom and we will continue to work with them to ensure that this happens.

### **About World Pool Association**

The World Pool Association (WPA) is the international governing body for pool (pocket billiards), dedicated to promoting and regulating the sport of pool worldwide. Formed in 1987, the WPA is headed by a board of directors consisting of representatives from Oceania, Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and South America with a commitment to fostering fair play, sportsmanship, and excellence for all pool players. The WPA is an associate member of the World Confederation of Billiards Sports (WCBS), which is the international umbrella organization, recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and that encompasses all major cue sports.