



IN THE COMPETITION
APPEAL TRIBUNAL

Case No: 1701/5/7/25

BETWEEN:

NST WORLDWIDE LIMITED

Claimant

- v -

(1) WORLD SNOOKER LIMITED

(2) WORLD SNOOKER HOLDING LIMITED

**(3) WORLD PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER ASSOCIATION
LIMITED**

Defendant

ORDER

UPON the Defendants’ joint application for security for costs filed on 9 September 2025 (the “**Security Application**”) seeking relief under three heads, comprising the “**Anti-Fraud Order**”, the “**Payment into Court Order**” and the “**Indemnity Limit Order**”

AND UPON the application for the Anti-Fraud Order and the Payment into Court Order being resolved by agreement between the parties

AND UPON the hearing of the application for the Indemnity Limit Order and the Case Management Conference (“**CMC**”) on 26 September 2025

AND UPON hearing from counsel for the Claimant, Ben Quiney KC, counsel for the First and Second Defendants, Marie Demetriou KC, and counsel for the Third Defendant, Tom Mountford

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

The Indemnity Limit Order

1. The Indemnity Limit Order part of the Security Application is dismissed, with liberty to re-apply.

Directions to Trial

2. The parties shall liaise in order to agree a List of Issues, to be filed no later than 4pm on 7 November 2025.

Disclosure

3. By 4pm on 10 November 2025, the parties shall each serve and file (i) a disclosure report (as defined in Rule 60(1)(b) of the Tribunal Rules) and (ii) a completed Electronic Documents Questionnaire (in the form of the questionnaire in the Schedule to Practice Direction 31B of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 (the “CPR”)).
4. The parties shall:
 - 4.1 By 4pm on 28 November 2025, each exchange requests for disclosure.
 - 4.2 By 4pm on 19 December 2025, each respond to the other parties’ requests for disclosure.
 - 4.3 By 4pm on 16 January 2026, each reply to the other parties’ responses to the requests for disclosure.
5. Any dispute between the parties as to whether a particular document or particular data or category of document or category of data should be disclosed shall be referred to the Tribunal to be determined at a second CMC to be listed on 23 February 2026. The parties may apply to the Tribunal to vacate the second CMC if and to the extent that there are no issues requiring resolution at a CMC.
6. By 4pm on 2 April 2026, the parties shall provide disclosure, with simultaneous inspection.

Witness evidence

7. The parties shall file and serve signed statements of witnesses of fact by 4pm on 17 June 2026. Unless otherwise ordered, statements of witnesses of fact shall stand as the evidence of the witness in question at trial.

Experts

8. The Claimant and the Defendants (together) shall each have permission to adduce evidence from a single expert in the field of economics.
9. The parties shall file and exchange expert reports by 4pm on 28 September 2026.
10. Any expert reports in reply shall be filed and served by 4pm on 9 November 2026.
11. The experts shall meet to discuss the expert reports by 4pm on 23 November 2026 and shall file and serve a joint expert report by no later than 4pm on 30 November 2026. The joint expert report should set out those matters on which the parties' experts agree and those matters on which they disagree and a summary of their reasons for any disagreement.

Trial

12. There shall be a Pre-Trial Review ("PTR") to be listed on the first available date on or after 1 December 2026, and taking into account, so far as reasonably practicable, the availability of the parties' counsel.
13. Preparation of trial bundles shall be completed and filed by no later than 4pm on 7 December 2026. The parties are to liaise with the Tribunal regarding the appropriate format for the bundles (i.e. electronic and/or hard copy).
14. Skeleton arguments shall be exchanged simultaneously and filed by 12pm on 11 January 2027.
15. The trial shall be fixed to commence on 18 January 2027 for two weeks with one further week held in reserve (to be reviewed in due course). The trial shall be preceded by one week pre-trial reading time for the Tribunal, to commence on 11 January 2027.

Costs

16. The costs of the Security Application be costs in the case.

17. Costs in the case.

Ben Tidswell

Chair of the Competition Appeal Tribunal

Made: 26 September 2025

Drawn: 13 October 2025