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IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE YOU VISIT

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Halo World Championship (18 APRIL – 4 MAY 2026). Here is some important information to help you prepare for your visit.

Getting Here:

Address: The Crucible Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street, Sheffield, S11 1DA.

The Crucible Theatre is located in Sheffield's city centre, on the corner of Norfolk Street and Arundel Gate. Click [here](#) to visit the 'how to get here' page on the venue website. This page highlights how to travel to the venue by car, train, bus or tram.

Admission & During Play:

For general admission ticket holders, doors open approximately one hour before each session starts and reserved seating is in place for the duration of the tournament.

Please note that there may be times where we have to hold guests on Tudor Square, so please dress according to the weather. We will be working quickly to get you inside. In colder weather, please bring something warm to wear. Please be aware that inside it may feel a few degrees cooler than normal because of our increased ventilation and fresh air flow in the theatre.

Once inside the arena and play has started, please remain in your seat during each frame. Should you need to leave the Crucible, we will readmit you to your seat at the end of a frame.

For hospitality ticket holders (premium tickets, Legends Walk Premium Tickets, Century Club tickets and 1875 Club Hospitality tickets), please refer to your separate document you have been emailed, which details important information about your visit.

Cloakroom:

A cloakroom facility is available at the venue and will be open before and after sessions and during the mid-session interval. We encourage you to bring minimal belongings with you as we are not able to store luggage or suitcase, so please book storage with [stasher.com](https://www.stasher.com) which is pre-bookable online. If you are bringing a bag with you, this should be no bigger than A3 size. Non-contact bag checks will be carried out on all bags for security purposes.

Food & Drink:

Inside the venue, the Crucible Kitchen will be open* from 9am (when play starts at 10am) to ticket holders of the current session. On sale will be a selection of hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, sausage rolls, pork pies and snacks. Alcohol will be sold from 10am at the venue bars. You will also be able to purchase confectionary, light snacks and ice creams throughout the tournament. Bars and Catering will close at the start of the final frame.



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***Crucible Kitchen will be CLOSED from Thursday 30 April until Monday 4 May inclusive due to 1875 Club Hospitality Drinks are allowed inside the arena during play.**

Drinks in cans and bottles will be decanted at point of sale into re-usable cups. We politely ask that you bring this out with you and give to a member of the team at the end of the session for us to wash and re-use. Please be mindful of making any noise with your drinks as it **MUST** be silent whilst play is in action. You are not permitted to bring any food or drink into the Crucible that you have purchased off site.

We encourage you to utilise the venues online pre-order system to order your mid-session interval drinks. The venue accepts cash and card payments at all service points.

A picnic area will also be available in front of big screen on Tudor Square. This area provides a free and open space for the public, serviced by the Head of Steam pub. The Picnic area will be open between 8am - end of play each day.

GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

Defending Champion:

Zhao Xintong won the 2025 Halo World Championship, becoming the first Asian player to conquer the Crucible. Can Xintong conquer the Curse of the Crucible, as no first-time winner has ever successfully defended the crown?

Prize Money:

Winner	£500,000
Runner Up	£200,000
Semi-Finals	£100,000
Quarter-Finals	£50,000
Last 16	£30,000
Last 32	£20,000

There is an extra bonus of £147,000 up for grabs for any player making two 147s across the 2025/26 majors, that's the three Triple Crown events plus the Saudi Arabia Snooker Masters.

And there's also a bonus of £100,000 for the first player to make 100 centuries in the season, with Mark Selby currently the front-runner for that prize.

How to Watch:

If you can't be inside the arena for the duration of the tournament, you can keep up to date with the action on the BBC, TNT and the discovery app. The tournament will also be broadcast on other stations around the world and a full list on how to watch will be published on wst.tv near the start of the tournament.

For WST Play subscribers you will also be able to rewatch the Tournament back 30 days after the event.

Draw and Format:

The draw to complete the Last 32 round will be made following the conclusion of the qualifying stages, on Thursday April 16th. This will take place at roughly 8:45am and you can listen on BBC Five Live radio or on the BBC Sport website. Full details of the draw and schedule for the 17 days at the Crucible will be published on wst.tv.

2027 World Championship:

Fans are once again being given the chance to get to the front of the queue for coveted Crucible tickets for 2027. To be the first to hear about the 2027 World Championship priority sale, as well as gaining access to live streams, on demand content and a growing archive of footage, sign up to WST Play [here](http://wst.tv).

Key dates for the priority sale:

- Wednesday 29th April, 1pm: Deadline to subscribe to WST Play. Join [here](http://wst.tv).
- Friday 1st May, 11am: Phase 1 priority booking opens for WST Play annual subscribers.
- Friday 1st May, 5pm: Deadline to sign up to WST website priority booking - Sign up [here](http://wst.tv).
- Sunday 3rd May, 9am: Phase 2 priority booking opens for WST website subscribers.
- Monday 4th May, 9am: Phase 3; General On sale

Wi-Fi:

Free wi-fi will be available throughout the venue, under 'WST Guest Wi-Fi'

Dress Code:

There is no formal dress code for customers, However please note, WST does not permit sport shirt or jerseys to be worn inside the arena.



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Fanzone:

There will be a full-size Star WPBSA table in the Winter Gardens where you'll be able to learn shots and ask questions from one of our qualified snooker coaches. There will also be a range of exciting challenges to take on. There's no need to pre-book and it is free to enjoy!

We also encourage you to visit the picnic area on Tudor Square where there will be mini snooker tables for you to enjoy, along with the big screen to watch all the action on!

Special Events During the Tournament:

The World Disability and World Women's Snooker Days will be held during this year's World Championship and you can get involved in both! More information will be published on wst.tv nearer the time, or if you are visiting after these events have taken place, please check the website for photos and reports

World Disability Snooker Day: Wednesday 22nd April: this will be held at the Sheffield Winter Garden and aims to raise awareness of the opportunities for people with disabilities to pick up a cue and get involved in snooker. Celebrating its 10-year anniversary, World Disability Billiards and Snooker (WDBS) will welcome some players from its first ever event back in 2015 to reflect on the organisation's growth. Focus will also be placed on the inaugural World Disability Snooker Championship winners and you can click here to learn more about the event.

World Women's Snooker Day: Tuesday 28th April: this will also be held at the Winter Garden and aims to raise awareness of the World Women's Snooker Tour (WWS) and the opportunities available for women and girls to play our sport competitively at all levels. The day will welcome top female players who will be joined by official WPBSA Snooker coaches to engage with and inspire women to participate in our sport. Learn more about the WWS Tour here.

WST Play:

WST Play is the world of snooker at your fingertips! Featuring on-demand content, over 3000+ hours of snooker's greatest moments and additional benefits for members such as ticket priority for all UK events.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

WST Podcast:

The Snooker Club is open again for the season, with seven-time World Champion Stephen Hendry, comedian Mark Watson and current WST player Steven Hallworth. Tune in to the official WST podcast every two weeks for behind-the-scenes access of life on tour, exclusive interviews and celebrity guests from the world of sport, music and entertainment.

Throughout the Halo World Championship we will have daily podcast updates from our regular and guest hosts.

Make sure to subscribe on Apple or Spotify so you never miss an episode and get in touch with the show at snookerclub@wst.tv.

Make the Most of Your Stay:

Please click [here](#) for much more information about making the most of your time in Sheffield.

Accommodation:

Click [here](#) or more information on accommodation options in Sheffield.

Post Event Survey:

We'd love to hear your feedback after the tournament! Keep a look out for the post-event survey which will be emailed to you following your visit to the tournament.

WST Shop:

The home of authentic merchandise for snooker's most dedicated fans. Discover premium t-shirts, hoodies, accessories and collectibles crafted for those who live and breathe the game. There will be a stand at the event where you can shop in person or visit the Official World Snooker Tour Shop today.



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