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Gibraltar to Host World Snooker Event

Gibraltar for the first time will host the fifth professional snooker tournament of this season's Kreativ Dental Clinic European Tour series. This takes place from 11th to 13th December 2015.

The televised stage of the Gibraltar Open will run at the Tercentenary Sports Hall.

The tournament is supported by HM Government of Gibraltar and will receive extensive live coverage from Eurosport.

Many of snooker's top 128 players are expected to enter and compete for this trophy. There will also be qualifying rounds for amateurs on 9th and 10th December.

Tickets for the tournament will go on sale as from Tuesday 3rd November and fans are strongly urged to book fast as many sessions could sell out rapidly. All-day tickets are priced at £20 for Friday 11th December, £25 for the Saturday and £30 for the Sunday, or fans can buy a three-day pass for just £65. A 25% discount will be offered to students and senior citizens. A 10% group discount will be offered for any bookings of 10 or more.

To book, call **+350 200 47592** or visit www.worldsnooker.com/tickets or via email on mschy.info@gibraltar.gov.gi

The 2015/16 Kreativ Dental Clinic European Tour is a series of six events, with the others staged in Latvia, Germany, Bulgaria and Poland. The top 24 on the final Order of Merit will qualify for the Players Championship in March.

World Snooker Chairman Barry Hearn said: "We are delighted to stage a professional tournament in Gibraltar for the first time. The European Tour has taken snooker to a host of different countries across the continent, helping us to develop as an international sport. We're excited about the new Gibraltar Open and it's the perfect chance for fans in the area to see the world's leading stars.

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"I have staged Darts events at the Tercentenary Sports Hall so I know it is a cracking venue. We look forward to working with the Ministry of Sports in Gibraltar on delivering another fantastic sporting event."

Minister for Sports, the Hon Steven Linares, said: "It is great to have yet another tournament of world standard in Gibraltar. Snooker is a very popular sport and followed by millions around the world. This will further promote Gibraltar as an events destination and it is another example of events-led tourism."

The entry deadline for players is November 5th, with the draw and format to be published after this date.