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## 2017 IBSF World Championships Under 16 Snooker in St-Petersburg

Dylan Emery of Wales and Anupama Ramachandran of India have claimed World Open Under-16 title in Boys and Girls category at the IBSF World Under 16 Championships in St Petersburg, Russia.



The Federation of Billiards Sports of Russia was the host of this first ever World Open championships for Under-16 boys and girls which turned into a remarkable success with total participation of 73 young cueists from all across the world.

The Welsh player Dylan Emery, 8th seed in the knockout stage played splendid game of snooker. He eased past Grigorii Pakhomov of Russia (3-0), Digvijay Kadian of India (3-2), Kreishh Gurbaxani of India (4-0) and Andrei Karasov of Russia (4-2) to in the final where he beat the 14th seed Mikhail Terekhov of Russia 4-1 to claim the prestigious title.

In Girls category, 2nd seed Anupama Ramachandran of India knocked out her compatriot and top seed Keerthana Pandian 3-1 to become World Open Under-16 champion.

As always, the event boasts the finest playing conditions for the finest players. Strachan 6811 Tournament cloth and Aramith balls were used as the IBSF continues to guarantee the very best conditions and strive for excellence.

Jean-Francois Schmitz, European Sales Manager for Simonis cloth, Strachan cloth and Aramith balls said: "The young players should get the very best conditions. The Strachan Cloth and Aramith balls give you the conditions needed to perform at the highest level every time".

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