



Dear Players

Having received several enquiries regarding the eligibility rulings appertaining to BDO Players participating in PDC Events and Vice Versa I have below given some clarifications

There is general agreement between the BDO and PDC to allow players the freedom of choice insofar as is practical across the various events as staged by both darts bodies

The confusion seems to arise from the process of PDPA Q School where players enter in the hope of winning a PDC Tour Card which then entitles the 128 holders to the benefits of Full PDPA Membership and thereby to participate in the full PDC System

Those players that registered for PDC Q School but did not get a PDC Tour card will become Associate PDPA Members who will be entitled to play in various PDC Events such as Challenge Tour, Development Tour and European Tour but will not get the benefits of Full PDPA Membership From this I detail below some FAQ's

PDPA FULL MEMBER TOUR CARD HOLDERS

- In general these players will not be able to directly qualify for or accept invitation to participate in the World Masters Finals or World Professional Finals or International Play Off
- These players cannot gain any points in the BDO Invitational Rankings system or enter any qualifying events in that system [see BDO Invitational Table System Rules for full details]

Question:

If a player gains a Tour Card can he still play Super League, Champions Cup and BICC

Answer:

- This is up to the respective County to set its own rulings on this but it is perfectly permissible and some Tour Card holders do play Super League and BICC
- However no such player may gain an invite into the World Pro International or World Masters Play offs or Finals by virtue of any BICC achievement [i.e. Top averages, most wins etc.,]
- International Selection for such players would be at the discretion of the Country Darts Organisation but with the congested calendars it would be unlikely that any Tour Card holder would be able to fulfil the International Criteria for matches played

Question

If a player gains a Tour Card can he still play in County Opens

Answer:

- There is no reason why not but this would be up to the event organisers but a Tour Card holder would not be allowed to accept an invitation for participation in the Winmau Finals or the World Pro International Play Offs as offered for winning an Open Event

Question

Can a Tour Card Holder play in BDO Member Event Play Offs for:

Gold Cup, Winmau World Masters, World Professional International Play Offs

Answer

- No - as these events are directly linked to the World Masters and World Professional

PDPA ASSOCIATE MEMBERS [Players registered at Q School but not obtaining a Tour Card]

Associate Members as non-tour card holders can participate in BDO Events with the following provisos

- He must not have participated in any PDC Players Championships in the current year [This applies to PDPA Associate Members that qualify from the non-tour card holders to 'top up' any shortfall in a PDC Players Championships Pro Tour event]
- There is also no restriction on playing in PDC European pro tour providing any player so involved does not sign a full PDPA contract.
- There is no restriction on participation in PDC Challenge Tour or PDC Development Tour events

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PDPA ASSOCIATE MEMBERS [Continued]

Question:

Can a PDPA Associate Member play in BDO Member Event Play Offs for:
Gold Cup, Winmau World Masters, World Professional International Play Offs

Answer:

If a player did not obtain a Tour Card he is eligible to play - noting that he would become ineligible to play in further rounds if he plays in a PDC Players Championship Pro Tour event in the period between the play offs and the finals

Question

Can a PDPA Associate Member feature in the BDO International Rankings system

Answer

If a player did not obtain a Tour Card he is eligible to play in BDO Rankings Table qualifying events.

Noting that any points would be removed and he would be ineligible for further participation in any BDO Rankings Table qualifying event if he plays in a PDC Players Championship Pro Tour event

PDC UK OPEN AND PDC GRAND SLAM OF DARTS EVENTS

These are PDC Events and there is agreement for BDO players to participate under certain circumstances, rules and criteria

These circumstances, rules and criteria will be laid down by the PDC

RIGHTS OF AMENDMENT

The BDO reserve the right to amend its eligibility rulings at any time

The PDC may have their own rules on eligibility for their system that could have an effect on the foregoing guidelines

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