



MEN'S BDO WORLD TROPHY 2017 PLAYING RULES & FORMAT

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NOTE: This issue of the Playing Rules and Format is applicable to the 2017 MEN'S BDO WORLD TROPHY TOURNAMENT ONLY.

The qualifying conditions for the 2017 Championship were reviewed at the BDO Board Meeting held on the 10th April 2017.

In the Playing Rules and Format for BDO WORLD TROPHY the term 'BDO Board of Directors' shall mean the British Darts Organisation Limited, or a subsidiary of that Company.

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1.00 TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

- 1.01 Invitations to play in the BDO MEN'S WORLD TROPHY will be issued by the BDO Board of Directors to those players that have qualified and are eligible to play in the Tournament subject to their eligibility as laid down in Section 3.00 of this document
- 1.02 Such invitations will be issued directly to the players, and where relevant, with copies being sent to the player's respective National Darts Body for reference.
- 1.03 The consideration and determination of eligible players will be made by the BDO Board of Directors after due consideration of the relevant BDO eligibility Rulings and other legislations as currently in place including the conditions contained in the 'Tomlin Order' dated 30th June 1997.
- 1.04 The Men's World Trophy Finals first round proper shall include '32' players which shall comprise as follows:
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| a) 17 x BDO Men's Invitation Ranking Main Tables System players | 17 x players |
| b) 3 x Qualifiers from the World Trophy Play Offs | 3 x players |
| c) 1 x player from each of 9 World Regions on acceptance of the invitation | 9 x players |
| d) Current Winmau Men's World Masters Champion | 1 x player |
| e) Current Lakeside Men's World Champion | 1 x player |
| f) Current World Trophy Champion | 1 x player |
- 1.05 If, for whatever reason, a player wishes to decline an invitation to participate in the BDO World Trophy then
- The player must notify the BDO Tournament Director [or other BDO Director] of this decision and return to the BDO unsigned any Player Contract as issued
 - Any player that does not return his signed contract by 12.00noon on the 28th April 2017 will be deemed to have declined an invitation to participate in the BDO World Trophy 2017
 - In any such instance where an invitation is declined then the replacement[s] will be determined by inviting the next listed player[s] in the BDO Main Invitational Tables as at 10th April 2017 [Subject to the application of Rule 2.01(b)]

2.00 QUALIFIERS & SEEDING

2.01 BDO Men's Invitational Rankings Table Qualifiers

- These qualifiers shall be determined from those players listed in positions 1 – 17 in the BDO Men's Invitational Rankings Main Table on 10th April 2017
- If a number of players are listed in the same position then consideration will be given to 'other' systems to enable a decision to be made on which player/players are to be included

2.02 Men's World Trophy Play Off Qualifiers

- 3 x Qualifiers shall be determined through the designated Play Offs as staged previous to the BDO World Trophy Finals
- Entry into these Play Offs shall be open to all players that are eligible under the BDO and WDF eligibility Rulings as laid down in Section 3.00
- The Play Offs shall be organised by the BDO and the BDO Playing Rules shall apply

2.03 World Regional Qualifiers

- The top player from each of the World Regional Tables as at 10th April 2017 shall be invited i.e.

1. Australia	2. Asia	3. Baltic & Scandinavia	4. Canada
5. Eastern Europe	6. New Zealand	7. U.S.A.	8. Western Europe
9. British Isles			

- All World Regional Qualifiers must be in compliance with the current BDO eligibility rulings as laid down in Section 3.00
- In any instance of unavailability then the next listed player[s] in the BDO Invitation System Main Tables at 10th April 2017 shall determine any replacements

2.04 Current Men's World Champions

- Invitations will be extended to the following Men's World Champions
 - Current Lakeside Men's World Champion
 - Current Winmau Men's World Masters Champion
 - Current Men's World Trophy Champion
- In the instance that any of the above are listed in any other of the qualifying categories or as determined under clause 2.01 sections (a) and (b) then the next listed player in the BDO Main Invitational Table will be included as replacement

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Qualifiers & Seeding [continued]

2.05 Men's Seeding Formula

- a) Once the full list of 32 x invited players have been established then the top 16 players as per the Men's BDO Invitational System Rankings Tables and subject to Rule 2.01 (b) shall be placed in the Draw according to the BDO Seeding Formula.
1;16; 9; 8; 12; 5; 13; 4; 15; 2; 10; 7; 11; 6; 14; 3.

3.00 INVITATION ELIGIBILITY RULINGS

In order to participate in The BDO World Trophy a player:

- a) Must be a member of the BDO or another member of the World Darts Federation. A list of which can be found on Page 6 of this document
b) Must not be serving a period of ineligibility imposed by the BDO, the World Darts Federation or any member darts body of the World Darts Federation
c) Must not be a registered holder of a currently valid Professional Darts Corporation [PDC] Tour card
d) Must not have participated in any PDC Players Championships in the current year

4.00 MATCH PLAY FORMAT

4.01 Unless specified as otherwise the BDO Playing Rules shall apply to all matches played in the BDO World Trophy

4.02 At The BDO World Trophy players must be in attendance at least 60 minutes before the start of a match play session in order to ensure the formal introduction on stage of all players involved in that session.

4.03 At The BDO World Trophy if a player fails to attend to meet the requirement in Clause No: 4.02 then an official warning will be issued by the Promoters/Organisers, and in the instance of a second offence the player shall forfeit the right to receive any prize monies due

4.04 Playing Format – Men's World Trophy Qualifying Play Offs

- a) All Rounds = Best of 7 legs 501 [first to win 4 legs]
b) Final = Best of 9 legs 501 [first to win 5 legs]

4.05 Playing Format – Men's World Trophy Finals

- a) First Round = Best of 11 legs 501 [first to win 6 legs]
b) Second Round = Best of 11 legs 501 [first to win 6 legs]
c) Quarter Finals = Best of 13 legs 501 [first to win 7 legs]
d) Semi Finals = Best of 15 legs 501 [first to win 8 legs]
e) Final = Best of 19 legs 501 [first to win 10 legs]

4.06 Order of Throw – Men's World Trophy Qualifying Play Offs

The order of throw will be as per laid down in the BDO Playing Rule 12.00

4.07 Order of Throw & Draw – Men's World Trophy Finals

The order of throw for all matches up to the Final will be decided by a throw for bull between opponents as conducted by designated BDO Officials prior to the players being introduced on stage
The winner of the throw for bull shall throw first in all odd numbered legs

4.08 The draw and the schedule of match play for each round shall be as indicated in the players briefing and as laid down in the BDO World Trophy programme.

4.09 The Bracket system will apply to the match play draw which shall be conducted at the discretion of the BDO Board of Directors in conjunction with the Promoters/Sponsors.

4.10 The BDO Board of Directors reserve the right to alter the Playing Format, and the match play schedule to accommodate any circumstances that may occur during the BDO World Trophy

5.00 PRIZE STRUCTURE

5.01 The Prize structure will be as determined by the BDO Board of Directors

5.02 In the BDO World Trophy Finals Stages each player is eligible to receive a minimum of first round loser prize money subject to having participated in that first round.

5.03 Every other player is eligible to receive prize money in respect of the position attained in the BDO World Trophy

5.04 If applicable, prize money will also be awarded for the highest Check-out recorded in competitive matchplay. (IE: The Highest possible Check-out is '170' - [Treble 20 + Treble 20 + Bull])
In the instance of more than one player achieving the same highest Check-out, then the prize money will be divided equally between them.

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Prize structure [Continued]

- 5.05 If applicable a Special Prize for a '9' dart leg in matchplay on stage at The BDO World Trophy will be made available and in the instance of more than one player achieving a 9 x dart leg in matchplay on stage then the prize value will be divided equally between them.
- 5.06 The official stage presentations shall be to the Champion and the Runner-up.
- 5.07 If a player is not present at the official presentation ceremony to receive prize money, or prizes, without the prior permission of the BDO Board of Directors then that player shall forfeit the right to receive such prize money or prizes that may be due.
- 5.08 If a player does not fulfil all playing commitments within the BDO World Trophy, without reasonable cause, then that player shall forfeit the right to receive any prize money, prizes, or trophies that may be due to that player in respect of the BDO World Trophy
- 5.09 If any expenditure is incurred as a result of such a default then the player, or person deemed to be responsible shall be held liable for the additional costs involved.
- 5.10 An Overseas player will be subject to UK. Withholding Tax on any prize money won,

6.00 POINTS STRUCTURE – MEN'S WORLD TROPHY

- 6.01 Men's BDO Invitational Rankings System Points will be allocated as follows

1st	2nd	Joint 3rd	Joint 5th	Joint 9th
49	42	35	28	21

- 6.02 In the BDO World Trophy Tournament Finals a player must win at least one match before any BDO Invitational Ranking Points are allocated

7.00 PLAYING ATTIRE

- 7.01 All the terms of BDO Playing Rules shall apply in all matches played in the BDO World Trophy, and are detailed for reference in the BDO Players Dress Code.
- 7.02 In the BDO World Trophy the Playing Attire of any participating player shall be subject to BDO approval.
- 7.03 Any unacceptable Playing Attire must be changed before that player can participate in any introductions, Match play on stage or interviews.
- 7.04 Any player refusing to meet with BDO approval shall be liable to forfeit that respective match, and shall be reported to the appropriate darts body for Disciplinary Proceedings to be considered.

8.00 ADVERTISING

- 8.01 All the terms of BDO Playing Rules shall apply in all the matches played in the BDO World Trophy and are detailed for reference in the BDO Players Dress Code.

9.00 DRINKING

- 9.01 No alcoholic drinks shall be allowed to be consumed, or introduced by any player or match official into the playing area designated for the staging of the Qualifying Play Offs
- 9.02 No alcoholic drinks shall be allowed to be consumed, or introduced into the area covered by television, by any player, or match official whilst engaged in a match which is being covered by television.
- 9.03 No alcoholic drinks shall be allowed to be consumed, or introduced into the area covered by television, by an player, or match official, during televised introductions to Matchplay, during any televised interviews either on or off the stage, and during presentation ceremonies made on the stage.
- 9.04 Any player found to be in breach of Clause No: 9.01, 9.02 or 9.03 shall forfeit that respective match, and may be subject to BDO disciplinary proceedings
- 9.05 Any match official found to be in breach of Clause No: 9.01, 9.02 or 9.03 may be subject to BDO disciplinary proceedings

10.00 ANTI-DOPING POLICY

- 10.01 The terms and conditions laid down in the BDO Code of Practice No 6: Anti-Doping Policy shall apply to all players and officials participating in the BDO World Trophy

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11.00 BETTING CODE

11.01 The terms and conditions laid down in the BDO Code of Practice No 6: Betting and Related Activity shall apply to all players and officials participating in the BDO World Trophy

12.00 OFFICIALS

12.01 The number of Officials required to organise the BDO World Trophy shall be determined and appointed by the BDO Board of Directors giving due regard to those persons previously appointed and to the budget for the BDO World Trophy

13.00 PLAYERS & OFFICIALS CONDUCT

13.01 Any player's, or match official's conduct which is considered to have brought the Sport of Darts into disrepute shall be liable to Disciplinary Proceedings being taken against that player, or that official.

13.02 Such Disciplinary Action shall be instigated by the BDO Board of Directors and shall be conducted in accordance with BDO Code of Practice No: 3 as laid down in Volume One of the BDO Authorised Handbook.

13.03 Masters of Ceremonies and Referees shall not allow any player to use the microphone at any time during the BDO World Trophy without being officially invited to do so.

13.04 During Match play any player, or official, using offensive language, or seen to be 'mouthing' any offensive language, shall be deemed to have brought the Sport of Darts into disrepute, and shall be subject to Disciplinary Proceedings being taken against that player, or that official.

14.00 INCIDENTS

14.01 When an 'incident' occurs which is not specifically covered within the BDO World Trophy Playing Rules and Format, or the BDO Playing Rules, then the BDO Board of Directors decision shall be final and binding.

14.02 Any decision made under Clause No. 14.01 shall be referred to an ensuing BDO Board Meeting, when that decision shall be considered for inclusion within a revised version of these Rules.

15.00 INTERPRETATIONS, AMENDMENTS & ADDITIONS

15.01 The interpretation of the BDO World Trophy Playing Rules and Format shall be determined by the BDO Directors whose decision on any matter shall be final and binding

15.02 Any matters not expressly covered in the BDO World Trophy Playing Rules and Format shall be acted upon by the BDO Board of Directors

15.03 The BDO Board of Directors shall have the exclusive right of amendment to the BDO World Trophy Playing Rules and Format

15.04 The BDO Board of Directors shall have the exclusive right of addition to the BDO World Trophy Playing Rules and Format

16.00 ASSOCIATE WDF MEMBER COUNTRIES

Listed are the BDO Associate World Darts Federation Member Countries

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16.00 ASSOCIATE WDF MEMBER COUNTRIES

Listed below are the BDO Associate World Darts Federation Member Countries

1	AUSTRALIA	24	GIBRALTAR	47	NEW ZEALAND
2	AUSTRIA	25	GREECE	48	NIGERIA
3	BAHAMAS	26	GUYANA	49	NORWAY
4	BARBADOS	27	HONG KONG	50	PAKISTAN
5	BELGIUM	28	HUNGARY	51	POLAND
6	BELIZE	29	ICELAND	52	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
7	BERMUDA	30	INDIA	53	ROMANIA
8	BRAZIL	31	IRAN	54	RUSSIA
9	BRUNEI	32	ISLE OF MAN	55	SCOTLAND
10	BULGARIA	33	ITALY	56	SERBIA
11	CANADA	34	JAPAN	57	SLOVAKIA
12	CATALONIA	35	JERSEY	58	SOUTH AFRICA
13	CAYMAN ISLANDS	36	KOREA	59	SPAIN
14	CYPRUS	37	LATVIA	60	SWEDEN
15	CZECH REPUBLIC	38	LITHUANIA	61	SWITZERLAND
16	DENMARK	39	LUXEMBOURG	62	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
17	ENGLAND	40	MACAU	63	TURKEY
18	EGYPT	41	MALAYSIA	64	TURKS & CAICOS
19	ESTONIA	42	MALTA	65	UKRAINE
20	ETHIOPIA	43	MONGOLIA	66	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
21	FINLAND	44	NORTHERN IRELAND	67	WALES
22	FRANCE	45	NEPAL		
23	GERMANY	46	NETHERLANDS		

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