



MEN'S & WOMEN'S WORLD PROFESSIONAL DARTS CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

Playing Rules & Format for the International Play Offs & World Championships Finals

NOTE:

This issue of the Playing Rules and Format is applicable to the 2019 Men's World Championship Only.

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In these Playing Rules and Format for the Lakeside World Professional Championships the term 'Promoters/Organisers' shall mean The British Darts Organisation Limited or a subsidiary of that Company.

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1.00 INTRODUCTION

The BDO Lakeside Men's & Women's World Professional Darts Championship [hereinafter referred to as the World Championships] is contested annually and serves to determine the Man and Woman player who through intense sporting effort and achievement earns the right to be crowned the respective BDO Darts Champion of the World. The processes of invitation into the World Championships Finals stages are determined in a manner that serves to not only recognise players standing in the current BDO Invitational Rankings tables and dominance in the World Regional Tables but also to recognise outstanding achievements in the previous World Championships and the current World Masters.

An International Play Off comprising players that have gained successes on the BDO/WDF international darts scene throughout the year is also staged to provide places in the World Finals line up and as has been proved in the past the BDO World Professional Championships process provides opportunities for all players to become either the BDO Men's or the BDO Women's World Darts Champion

2.00 MEN'S – INVITATIONS

2.01 INVITATIONS - GENERAL

Invitations to play in the Men's World Championship Finals will be issued by the Promoters/Organisers to those players that have earned the right to play in the Men's World Championship, subject to the conditions of eligibility as laid down in Section 2.07 and such invitations will be issued directly to the players, with copies being sent to the player's respective National Darts Body for reference

2.02 INVITATIONS – DEFINITIONS

Ideally the line-up for the first-round proper of the Men's World Championship Finals shall include '40' players within categories as determined by the BDO Board of Directors and as detailed thus:

A. Direct Invitations:

- 1) The current BDO Men's World Championship Semi-Finalists = 4
- 2) Players from the BDO Invitational Rankings at the notified cut-off date = 22
- 3) 1 x player from each of the 9 x BDO World Regions Invitational Tables = 9
- 4) The current Men's World Masters Champion = 1

B. International Play Off Invitations

- 1) 4 x Qualifiers from the Men's World Championships International Play Offs = 4
[Reference also section 2.05]

2.03 INVITATION CRITERIA

The criteria for each category of Invitation into the BDO Men's World Championships Finals are defined as detailed in sections 2.04 and 2.05 and 2.06 below

2.04 DIRECT INVITATIONS

The conditions for direct invitations into the 2019 Men's World Championship Finals were reviewed at a BDO Board Meeting and are detailed as follows

A. World Professional Championship Finalists

The first 'Direct' qualifiers shall be the Players that reached the last '4' in the previous Men's World Championship subject to their eligibility.

B. BDO Invitational System - Men's Main Table qualifiers

1. 22 'Direct' qualifiers shall be determined from those players in the order as listed in the BDO Invitation Tables at the notified cut-off date
2. In the instance that a 'listed' player has already qualified within the first '4' under Clause No: 2.02(A) then the next listed player shall be included until '22' additional players have been determined from the BDO Invitation Table.
3. If a number of players are listed at the same position then consideration will be given to 'other' systems to enable a decision to be made on which player, or players are to be included.

C. BDO Invitational System - Men's Regional Table Qualifiers

9 x Direct qualifiers as being the highest placed player not already qualified in each of the respective world Regional Tables as at the notified cut-off date with Regions defined as follows: Asia, Australia, Baltics & Scandinavia, British Isles, Canada, Eastern Europe, New Zealand, United States of America and Western Europe.

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D. Men's World Masters Championship Winner

1. The current holder of the Men's World Masters Championship shall also be included as a 'direct' qualifier subject to eligibility
2. In the instance that the current holder of the Men's World Masters Championship has already qualified then the next listed in the BDO Invitational Rankings Men's Table as not already qualified shall apply until the requisite number of 22 x players from those tables has been reached

2.05 INTERNATIONAL PLAY OFFS QUALIFYING INVITATIONS

Invitations will be extended by the Promoter/Organisers to players who upon qualification, will be invited to participate in an International play-off to determine the required number of Qualifiers with the actual number to be determined being dependent upon the application of Clause Nos 2.02 sections (A), (B), (C). and subject to the eligibility rulings laid down in Section 4.07

All of the invited qualifiers shall have met at least ONE of the conditions as listed below:

A. BDO Invitational Rankings Tables Invitations

The men in positions 1 to 128 inclusive of the BDO Men's Main Invitation Rolling Tables as valid on the respective notified cut-off date

B. British Home International Playing Squads

Full and currently applicable Men's International Squad members from England, Scotland and Wales that have not already qualified

C. BDO Member County Play Offs

1 x male player from each BDO Member County play-off which shall be open to all registered County Super League players, subject to meeting their commitment to the BDO system and the BDO eligibility rules.

D. National World Masters Play Offs [Men's]

Qualifying numbers from UK National Play-offs:

1. England Member Counties Play Offs 8 x Men
2. Scotland Member Counties Play Offs 4 x Men
3. Wales Member Counties Play Offs 4 x Men
4. WDF Member Country Play Offs 4 x Men

E. BDO recognised National Singles Tournaments [Men's]

1. The current and 4 x years previous World Masters Men's Champions as eligible
2. The current and 4 x years previous World Championships Men's Champions as eligible
3. Current British Gold Cup Men's Champion
4. WDF World Cup Men's Champion in the year as won
5. WDF Europe Cup Men's Champion in the year as won
6. WDF Asia/Pacific Cup Men's Champion in the year as won
7. WDF Americas Cup Men's Champion in the year as won
8. All Events that are included in the current BDO Invitational Rankings Men's Main Tables
9. National Men's Singles Championships & Open Singles Events that have successfully applied for inclusion as a BDO recognised Member Country Event
10. Member County Men's Open Singles Events for which the total prize fund is at least £1,000 and which have successfully applied for inclusion as a BDO recognised Member County Men's Open and which were staged during the current qualifying period
11. BDO 18-25 Tournament Male Qualifiers for the current year = 2 x Qualifiers
12. Current British Teenage Male Champion if aged over 18

F. BDO recognised Pairs Events Tournament Champions [Men's]

Current BDO British Gold Cup Men's Pairs Champions

G. BDO Associate Member Countries Performance Ranking Tables invitations [Men's]

[Ref: Associate Member Country listings at: [Full and Associate Member BDO Darts Bodies](#)

Those players in positions 1 to 4 only in BDO recognised National Ranking Tables valid at the cut-off date as notified

H. BDO British Inter County Championships [Men's]

1. 100% Playing record - Players with a 100% record of wins from the total fixtures available to them in the current qualifying BICC season
2. Dynamic Dart Average - Players in positions 1 to 20 inclusive only in the overall Divisional DDAV Table in the current qualifying BICC Season with no replacements for any players already qualified

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I. BDO Recognised International Boys Teams

1. Providing the age criteria is met then upon application to BDO Invitations may be extended to current members of the Official BDO/WDF Member International Boys Teams

J. Other Invitations

2 x Men players as nominated for invitation by a BDO recognised Sponsor

K. Adjustment

In the instance that the number of players determined under Clause 2.02 A [2] is greater than '22' then the number of Qualifiers to be determined from the International Play-offs will be adjusted accordingly

2.06 OTHER CRITERIA

A. Extra consideration on invitations

If after full consideration of all laid down criteria and after which no decision has been reached on sequence of invitation, then reference to the WDF Ranking System shall be made in order to place the players in sequence of invitation.

B. Multi eligibility criteria

A Ranking system which is applicable to a Country or the BDO Invitation Table shall be used to enable a decision to be made on which player, or players shall be invited into the International Play-offs when more than one player is eligible to attend

C. Further considerations of invitations

If after exhausting all avenues of qualification criteria it still remains necessary to differentiate between players as to the sequence of invitation then the BDO Invitational Tables, WDF Ranking Tables or a Ranking System applicable to their Country, will be considered to enable a decision to be made on which player, or players are to be invited.

2.07 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order that a player can be eligible for receipt of a 'Direct' Invitation or a 'Qualifying' Invitation the following conditions shall apply:

- a. The player must be a currently 'registered playing member' of the BDO or a 'registered playing member' of a WDF Member Darts Body. (a list of which may be found at [Full and Associate Member BDO Darts Bodies](#))
- b. The player must be in compliance with all BDO eligibility Rules that are in place from time to time
- c. The player 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
- d. Each Overseas player must be in the 'Top Ten' of his own Member Darts Body's Ranking System.

3.00 MEN'S - MATCH PLAY & FORMAT

3.01 BDO PLAYING RULES

a. The BDO Playing Rules shall apply to all matches played in the BDO Men's World Championship, including the International Play Offs, plus any additional Rules that have been agreed by the BDO as relevant

3.02 SEEDING FORMULA

- a. The '16' Seeded players in the first-round proper shall be determined by reference to the Men's BDO Invitational Ranking Table positions on the cut-off date as specified
- b. The '16' Seeded Players shall be placed in the Draw according to the BDO Seeding Formula. i.e. (1 –16) : (8 – 9) : (5 –12) : (4 –13) : (3 –14) : (6 –11) : (7 –10) : (2 –15)

3.03 CONDUCTING THE MATCHPLAY DRAW

a. The Bracket system will apply to the Matchplay Draw which shall be conducted at the discretion of the Promoters/Organisers in conjunction with the Sponsors

3.04 PUBLICATION OF THE MATCHPLAY DRAW

a. The Draw and the Schedule of Matchplay for each round shall be as indicated in the players briefing, and as laid down in the relevant BDO World Championship programme.

3.05 PLAYER ATTENDANCE

- a. Players must comply with all instructions from the appointed players official on times, location and dress code applicable when required to be in attendance
- b. If a player fails to meet the requirement of attendance in Clause [a] above then the terms of Rule 6.06 shall be applied

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3.06 PLAYING FORMAT

1. Men's World Championships - International Play Offs

- a. The Men's World Championships International Play offs will be played on a 'Sets' basis with each Set being the Best of '5' Legs, and each Leg shall be 501 up, with a straight start, and a Double, or Bull to finish.
- b. The 4th and 5th Leg of each Set shall only be played if they contribute to the result of that respective Set.

2. Men's World Championships – Grand Finals

- a. The Men's World Championships Final stages will also be played on a 'Sets' basis with each Set being the Best of '5' Legs, and each Leg shall be 501 up, with a straight start, and a Double, or Bull to finish.
- b. In the Final Set only of each match the Set must be won by 2 x 'clear' legs and therefore matchplay will continue
- c. If after playing 10 x legs in the final set the match is still level at 5 x legs each then the Tie Breaker Rule will apply to the 11th leg. [See Section 4.08 for details of Tie Breaker Rule
- d. The Tie Breaker Rule shall apply to the FINAL Set ONLY in each match played on the Lakeside Stage i.e.
 - 5th Set in the Preliminary
 - 5th Set in the First Round matches
 - 7th Set in the Second-Round matches.
 - 9th Set in the Quarter-final matches.
 - 11th Set in the Semi-final matches.
 - 13th Set in the Final match

3.07 MATCHPLAY SCHEDULES

- a. The Match-play schedule for the Men's World Championship shall be as follows;

International Play Offs

- All Rounds = Best of 3 x Sets

Championship Final Stages

- Preliminary Round = Best of 5 x Sets
- First Round = Best of 5 x Sets
- Second Round = Best of 7 x Sets
- Quarter-finals = Best of 9 x Sets
- Semi-finals = Best of 11 x Sets
- Final = Best of 13 x Sets

3.08 TIE BREAKER RULE

- a. The terms of this tie Breaker Rule shall apply ONLY to any 11th Leg of the Final Set of a match.
- b. Each player shall throw for the Bull to determine which player shall throw first in the 11th Leg of the Final Set, but the player that threw first in the match shall throw first for the Bull.
- c. The decision will be based on the player's dart that enters the board, remains in the board, and is judged by the referee to be nearest the Bull.
- d. Darts that hit and remain in the Bull, or the 25 bed shall be retrieved by the player before the opponent throws a dart.
- e. If a dart rebounds from the board or falls out of the board during a throw then the player shall throw a further dart or darts until one remains in the board.
- f. If a dart enters and remains in the board in such a manner that the opponent's view of the Bull or the 25 bed is obscured, then the opponent may request the referee to adjust the angle of inclination of the dart so as to afford a clearer view. Any adjustment of the angle of inclination must not alter the point of entry of the dart but must align the dart so that it is perpendicular to the face of the board.
- g. If the darts thrown for the Bull prove to be a tie, then both players shall retrieve their darts and shall throw again, but in the reverse order, until a decision has been made by the referee.
- h. The player that wins the 11th leg of the Final Set is the winner of the match.

3.09 REVISION OF FORMATS / SCHEDULES

- a. The Promoters/Organisers reserve the right to alter the Playing Format, and the Matchplay Schedule to accommodate any circumstances that may occur during the Men's World Championship.

4.00 WOMEN'S – INVITATIONS

4.01 INVITATIONS - GENERAL

Invitations to play in the Women's World Professional Championship Finals will be issued by the Promoters/Organisers to those players that have earned the right to play in the Women's World Championship, subject to the conditions of eligibility as laid down in Section 4.07 and such invitations will be issued directly to the players, with copies being sent to the player's respective National Darts Body for reference

4.02 INVITATIONS – DEFINITIONS

Ideally the line-up for the first-round proper of the Women's World Championship Finals shall include '16' players within categories as determined by the BDO Board of Directors and as detailed thus:

A. Direct Invitations:

- 1) The current BDO Women's World Championship Finalists = 2
- 2) Players from the BDO Invitational Rankings at the notified cut-off date = 11
- 3) The current Women's World Masters Champion = 1

B. International Play Off Invitations

- 1) Qualifiers from the Women's World Championships International Play Offs = 2
[Reference also section 4.05]

4.03 INVITATION CRITERIA

The criteria for each category of Invitation into the Women's World Championships Finals are defined as detailed in sections 4.04, 4.05 and 4.06 below

4.04 DIRECT INVITATIONS

The conditions for direct invitations into the 2019 Women's World Championship Finals were reviewed at a BDO Board Meeting and are detailed as follows

A. World Professional Championship Finalists

The first 'Direct' qualifiers shall be the Players that reached the last '2' in the previous Women's World Championship subject to their eligibility.

B. BDO Invitational Table qualifiers

1. 11 'Direct' qualifiers shall be determined from those players in the order as listed in the BDO Invitation Tables at the notified cut-off date
2. In the instance that a 'listed' player has already qualified within the first '2' under Clause No: 4.02(A) then the next listed player shall be included until '11' additional players have been determined from the BDO Invitation Table.
3. If a number of players are listed at the same position then consideration will be given to 'other' systems to enable a decision to be made on which player, or players are to be included.

C. World Masters Championship Winner

1. The current holder of the Women's World Masters Championship shall also be included as a 'direct' qualifier subject to eligibility
2. In the instance that the current holder of the Women's World Masters Championship has already qualified under then the next listed in the BDO Invitational Table as not already qualified shall apply until the requisite number of 11 players from the tables has been reached

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4.05 INTERNATIONAL PLAY OFFS QUALIFYING INVITATIONS

Invitations will be extended by the Promoter/Organisers to players who upon qualification, will be invited to participate in an International play-off to determine the 2 Qualifiers with the actual number to be determined being dependent upon the application of Clause Nos 4.02 sections (A), (B), (C), and subject to the eligibility rulings laid down in Section 4.05

All of the invited qualifiers shall have met at least ONE of the conditions as listed below;

A. BDO Invitational Rankings Tables Invitations

The women in positions 1 to 64 inclusive of the BDO Women's Main Invitation Rolling Tables as valid on the respective cut-off date as notified

B. British Home International Playing Squads

Full and currently applicable Women's International Squad members from England, Scotland and Wales that have not already qualified

C. BDO Member County Play Offs

1 x female player from each BDO Member County play-off which shall be open to all registered County Super League players, subject to meeting their commitment to the BDO system and the BDO eligibility rules.

D. National World Masters Play Offs [Women's]

Qualifying numbers from UK National Play-offs:

1. England Member Counties Play Offs 4 x Women
2. Scotland Member Counties Play Offs 2 x Women
3. Wales Member Counties Play Offs 2 x Women
4. WDF Member Country Play Offs 2 x Women

E. BDO recognised National Singles Tournaments [Women's]

1. The current and 4 x years previous World Masters Women's Champions as eligible
2. The current and 4 x years previous World Championships Women's Champions as eligible
3. Current British Gold Cup Women's Champion
4. WDF World Cup Women's Champion in the year as won
5. WDF Europe Cup Women's Champion in the year as won
6. WDF Asia/Pacific Cup Women's Champion in the year as won
7. WDF Americas Cup Women's Champion in the year as won
8. All Events that are included in the current BDO Invitational Rankings Women's Main Tables
9. National Women's Singles Championships & Open Singles Events that have successfully applied for inclusion as a BDO recognised Member Country Event
10. Member County Women's Open Singles Events for which the total prize fund is at least £500 and which have successfully applied for inclusion as a BDO recognised Member County Women's Open and which were staged during the current qualifying period
11. BDO 18-25 Tournament Female Qualifiers for the current year = 2 x Qualifiers
12. Current British Teenage Female Champion if over 18

F. BDO recognised Pairs Events Tournament Champions [Women's]

1. Current BDO British Gold Cup Women's Pairs Champions

G. BDO Associate Member Countries Performance Ranking Tables invitations [Women's]

[Ref: Associate Member Country listings at: [Full and Associate Member BDO Darts Bodies](#)

1. Those players in positions 1 to 4 only in BDO recognised National Ranking Tables valid at the cut-off date as notified

H. BDO British Inter County Championships [Women's]

1. 100% Playing record - Players with a 100% record of wins from the total fixtures available to them in the current qualifying BICC season
2. Dynamic Dart Average - Players in positions 1 to 20 inclusive only in the overall Divisional DDAV Table in the current qualifying BICC Season with no replacements for any players already qualified

I. BDO Recognised International Girls Teams

1. Providing the age criteria is met then upon application to BDO Invitations may be extended to current members of the Official BDO/WDF Member International Girls Teams

J. Other Invitations

- a. 2 x Women players as nominated for invitation by a BDO Sponsor

K. In the instance that the number of players determined under Clause 4.02 A [2] is greater than '11' then the number of Qualifiers to be determined from the International Play-offs will be adjusted accordingly

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4.06 OTHER CRITERIA

In extenuating circumstance other criteria may have to apply as being:

A. Final consideration on invitations

If after full consideration of all laid down criteria and after which no decision has been reached on sequence of invitation, then reference to the WDF Ranking System shall be made in order to place the players in sequence of invitation.

B. Multi eligibility criteria

A Ranking system which is applicable to a Country or the BDO Invitation Table shall be used to enable a decision to be made on which player, or players shall be invited into the International Play-offs when more than one player is eligible to attend

C. Further considerations of invitations

If after exhausting all avenues of qualification criteria it still remains necessary to differentiate between players as to the sequence of invitation then the BDO Invitational Tables, WDF Ranking Tables or a Ranking System applicable to their Country, will be considered to enable a decision to be made on which player, or players are to be invited.

4.07 ELIGIBILITY FOR DIRECT & QUALIFYING INVITATION

In order that a player can be eligible for receipt of a 'Direct' Invitation or a 'Qualifying' Invitation the following conditions shall apply:

- a. The player must be a currently 'registered playing member' of the BDO or a 'registered playing member' of a WDF Member Darts Body. (a list of which may be found at [Full and Associate Member BDO Darts Bodies](#))
- b. The player must be in compliance with all BDO and WDF eligibility Rules that are in place from time to time
- c. The player 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
- d. Each Overseas player must be in the 'Top Ten' of his own Member Darts Body's Ranking System.

5.00 WOMEN'S - MATCH PLAY & FORMAT

5.01 BDO PLAYING RULES

- a. The BDO Playing Rules shall apply to all matches played in the Women's World Championship, including the International Play Offs, plus any additional Rules that have been included in the BDO World Championship Programme

5.02 SEEDING FORMULA

- a. The '8' Seeded players in the first-round proper shall be determined by reference to the BDO Women's Invitation Table at the notified cut-off date in the current Playing Season.
- b. The '8' Seeded Players shall be placed in the Draw according to the BDO Seeding Formula.
i.e. (1 – 8) : (4 – 5) : (3 – 6) : (2 – 7)

5.03 CONDUCTING THE MATCHPLAY DRAW

- a. The Bracket system will apply to the Matchplay Draw which shall be conducted at the discretion of the Promoters/Organisers in conjunction with the Sponsors

5.04 PUBLICATION OF THE MATCHPLAY DRAW

- a. The Draw and the Schedule of Matchplay for each round shall be as indicated in the players briefing, and as laid down in the Championship programme.

5.05 PLAYER ATTENDANCE

- a. Players must comply with all instructions from the appointed players official on times, location and dress code applicable when required to be in attendance
- b. If a player fails to meet the requirement of attendance in Clause [a] above then the terms of Rule 6.06 shall be applied

5.06 PLAYING FORMAT

1. Women's World Championships - International Play Offs

- a. All matches in the Women's World Championships International Play offs will be the Best of '5' Legs, and each Leg shall be 501 up, with a straight start, and a Double, or Bull to finish.
- b. The 4th and 5th Leg shall only be played if they contribute to the result of that respective Set.

2. Women's World Championships – Grand Finals

- a. All matches in the Women's World Championships Finals shall up until the final be the best of 3 x sets with each set the best of 5 x legs 501. The final shall be the best of 5 x sets with each set the best of 5 x legs 501.
- b. The 4th and 5th Leg shall only be played if they contribute to the result of that respective Set.

5.07 MATCHPLAY SCHEDULES

- a. The Match-play schedule for the Women's World Championship shall be as follows;

1. International Play Offs

- All Rounds = Best of 5 x legs

2. World Championship Finals

- First Round = Best of 3 x Sets
➤ Quarter-finals = Best of 3 x Sets
➤ Semi-finals = Best of 3 x Sets
➤ Final = Best of 5 x Sets

- b. Each Set shall be played as laid down in Rule 5.06

5.08 TIE BREAKER RULE – NOT APPLICABLE FOR WOMEN'S MATCHES

5.09 REVISION OF FORMATS / SCHEDULES

- a. The Promoters/Organisers reserve the right to alter the Playing Format, and the Matchplay Schedule to accommodate any circumstances that may occur during the BDO Women's World Championships.

6.0 CHAMPIONSHIPS PRIZE STRUCTURES - MEN & WOMEN

6.01 INTERNATIONAL PLAY OFFS

- a. In the International Play-offs the Group Winners, shall be rewarded with an invitation to participate in the First Round proper and are guaranteed a minimum of first round loser's prize money providing that they participate.

6.02 CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

- a. In the Championship Finals each player is eligible to receive a minimum of first round loser prize money subject to having participated in that first round.
- b. Every other player is eligible to receive prize money in respect of the position attained in the Championship.

6.03 HIGHEST CHECKOUT

- a. Prize money will also be awarded for the highest Check-out recorded in the stage matches
- b. In the instance of more than one player achieving the same highest Check-out, then the prize money will be divided equally between them.

6.04 9 x DART LEG

- a. A BDO Prize for the first 9 x dart leg accomplished in matchplay on stage at Lakeside is £1,000 plus a further £1,000 if the achievement is transmitted by television.
- b. At the sponsors discretion a further special prize may be made available for the same achievement

6.05 OFFICIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. The official stage presentations shall be to the Champion, and the Runner-up. The highest Check-out prize will be presented officially in the Sponsor's reception held after the event.
- b. If a player is not present at the official presentation ceremony to receive prize money, or prizes, without the prior permission of the Promoters/Organisers then that player shall forfeit the right to receive such prize money, or prizes that may be due.

6.06 NON-FULFILMENT OF PLAYING COMMITMENTS

- a. If a player does not fulfil all playing commitments within the Championship, 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 Championship.
- b. 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.

6.07 EXCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

- a. All players participating in the Championships must ensure that they do not play in any darts match, competition, or exhibition, without the prior permission of the Sponsor, at any venue within 100 miles radius of the playing venue during the period of the Championship.
- b. In the instance that Clause No: 6.07 [a] has been contravened, then the Sponsor shall reserve the right to withhold prize monies from the offending player.

6.08 WITHHOLDING TAX

- a. An Overseas player will be subject to UK. Withholding Tax on any prize money won, less an allowance for the cost of hotel and subsistence that is actually incurred by the player.
- b. The allowance being for one day prior to the event, plus the number of days that the player is participating in the event.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES – MEN & WOMEN

7.00 PLAYING ATTIRE

- a. All the terms of BDO Playing Rule No: 16.00 shall apply in all matches played in the Men's World Championship and are detailed for reference in the BDO Players Dress Code.
- b. In the World Darts Championship the Playing Attire of any participating player shall be subject to BDO approval.
- c. Any unacceptable Playing Attire must be changed before that player can participate in any introductions, Matchplay on stage, interviews, and introductions.
- d. 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

- a. The terms of BDO Playing Rule No: 17.00 shall apply in full to all the matches played in the World Championship and are detailed for reference in the BDO Players Dress Code.

9.00 SMOKING & ELECTRONIC 'SMOKING' DEVICES

- a. Before, during or after matchplay no player or no tournament official shall be allowed to smoke or use an electronic cigarette, smoking device or similar.

10.00 DRINKING

- a. 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.
- b. No alcoholic drinks shall be allowed to be consumed, or introduced into the area covered by television, by any 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.
- c. Any player found to be in breach of Clause No: 10.00 [a], or 10.00 [b] shall forfeit that respective match and shall be reported to the appropriate darts body for Disciplinary Proceedings to be considered.
- d. Any match official found to be in breach of Clause No:10.00 [a], or 10.00 [b] shall be reported to the appropriate darts body for Disciplinary Proceedings to be considered.
- e. The British Darts Organisation Ltd., or any of its subsidiaries, shall reserve the right to prohibit the consumption of alcoholic drinks in any other matches under its jurisdiction, if it is considered in the best interests of the promotion of the Sport of Darts to do so.

11.00 ANTI-DOPING POLICY

- a. The terms and conditions laid down in the BDO Anti-Doping Policy shall apply to all players and officials participating in the BDO World Championship.

12.00 BETTING CODE

- a. 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 Championship.

13.00 OFFICIALS

- a. The number of Officials required to organise the BDO World Championships shall be determined and appointed by the Promoters/Organisers giving due regard to those persons previously appointed and to the budget for the BDO World Championship.

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14.00 PLAYERS & OFFICIALS CONDUCT

- a. 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.
- b. Such Disciplinary Action shall be instigated by the Promoters/Organisers and shall be conducted in accordance with BDO Code of Practice No: 3 as laid down in the BDO Authorised Handbook.
- c. Masters of Ceremonies and Referees shall not allow any player to use the microphone at any time during the World Championships without being officially invited to do so.
- d. During Matchplay 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.
- e. Player's are responsible for their guests behaviour at all times during the Championship. Anyone found using obscene language, behaviour or drunkenness along with inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated from anyone and will be removed from the venue.
- f. There is a smart dress code in the players Lounge and anyone unsuitably dressed will be refused entry to the player's Lounge

15.00 INCIDENTS

- a. When an 'incident' occurs which is not specifically covered within the Men's & Women's World Championship Playing Rules and Format, or the BDO Playing Rules, then the Promoters/Organisers decision shall be final and binding.
- b. Any decision made under Clause No. 15.00 (a) shall be referred to an ensuing BDO Board Meeting, when that decision shall be considered for inclusion within a revised version of these Rules.

16.00 ABBREVIATIONS

- a. BDO – British Darts Organisation
- b. WDF – World Darts Federation

17.00 INTERPRETATIONS

- a. The interpretation of the BDO Men's & Women's World Professional Darts Championships Playing Rules & Formats shall be determined by the BDO Directors whose decision on any matter shall be final and binding
- b. Any matters not expressly covered in the BDO Men's & Women's World Professional Playing Rules & Formats shall be determined by the BDO Board of Directors
- c. Information concerning such interpretations or matters as determined under (a) or (b) above shall be forwarded to the BDO Board of Directors and/or delegated body as appointed to this responsibility for consideration and possible inclusion in a revised version of the BDO Men's & Women's World Championships Playing Rules & Formats
- d. The BDO Directors alone shall have the right to decide on any amendments or additions to the BDO Men's & Women's World Championships Playing Rules & Formats

18.00 APPENDICES

Supplementary Documents as relevant to the Rules and Procedures

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18.00 APPENDIX ONE – MEN'S & WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS ROLL OF HONOUR

1978	Leighton Rees		
1979	John Lowe		
1980	Eric Bristow		
1981	Eric Bristow		
1982	Jocky Wilson		
1983	Keith Deller		
1984	Eric Bristow		
1985	Eric Bristow		
1986	Eric Bristow		
1987	John Lowe		
1988	Bob Anderson		
1989	Jocky Wilson		
1990	Phil Taylor		
1991	Dennis Priestley		
1992	Phil Taylor		
1993	John Lowe		
1994	John Part		
1995	Ritchie Burnett		
1996	Steve Beaton		
1997	Les Wallace		
1998	Raymond Barneveld		
1999	Raymond Barneveld		
2000	Ted Hankey		
2001	John Walton	2001	Trina Gulliver
2002	Tony David	2002	Trina Gulliver
2003	Raymond Barneveld	2003	Trina Gulliver
2004	Andy Fordham	2004	Trina Gulliver
2005	Raymond Barneveld	2005	Trina Gulliver
2006	Jelle Klaasen	2006	Trina Gulliver
2007	Martin Adams	2007	Trina Gulliver
2008	Mark Webster	2008	Anastasia Dobromyslova
2009	Ted Hankey	2009	Francis Hoenselaar
2010	Martin Adams	2010	Trina Gulliver
2011	Martin Adams	2011	Trina Gulliver
2012	Christian Kist	2012	Anastasia Dobromyslova
2013	Scott Waites	2013	Anastasia Dobromyslova
2014	Stephen Bunting	2014	Lisa Ashton
2015	Scott Mitchell	2015	Lisa Ashton
2016	Scott Waites	2016	Trina Gulliver MBE
2017	Glen Durrant	2017	Lisa Ashton
2018	Glen Durrant	2018	Lisa Ashton