

# THE BRITISH DARTS ORGANISATION



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## WORLD MASTERS DARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## **SECTION ONE – RULES & PROCEDURES**

### **1.00 INTRODUCTION**

The World Masters Championships are a means whereby those players, Men, Women Boys and Girls who have been successful during the year in winning BDO & WDF recognised Tournaments and qualifying play-offs or have achieved other special distinctions in listed qualifying BDO recognised events and tables can be brought together by invitation to contest who can earn the Title of 'Masters Champion of the World' in each of the above categories.

### **2.00 QUALIFYING CRITERIA**

See [World Masters Qualifying Criteria](#)

### **3.00 INVITATION PROCEDURES**

#### **3.01 Invitations**

- a. Invitations to participate in the BDO World Masters Championships Finals will be extended to those players fulfilling the [Qualifying Criteria](#).
- b. The BDO reserves the right to withdraw invitations as they see fit without assigning a reason for so doing

#### **3.02 Eligibility for Participation**

In order to participate in the World Masters Championship Finals a player;

- a. Must be a member of the BDO or another member darts body of the World Darts Federation (Lists of which may be found on Page 10 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

#### **3.03 Conditions of Invitation Acceptance**

- a. By accepting an invitation to participate in the Men's or Women's section of the World Masters Championship the player agrees that should he/she be successful in winning the Championship he/she will commit to participation as an invited player in the succeeding BDO World Professional Championships.
- b. All travel and accommodation arrangements and costs incurred are the responsibility of the respective Organisation / Darts body / player

#### **3.04 Age Qualification – Boys & Girls**

- a. All entrants to the Boys and Girls World Masters Championships must be under the age of 18 at the date of the final of said event.
- b. It is recognised that during the period between qualification for the youth World Masters Championships and play of the events some players may attain the age of 18. In order to address this, and providing that the set criteria as laid down is met then in such cases Rule 2.7 below shall apply

#### **3.05 Age Classifications**

For the purpose of this document the age classifications used are:

- MEN: Male Players aged 18 and over on the specified day of play  
WOMEN: Female Players aged 18 and over on the specified day of play  
BOYS: Male Players aged under 18 on the specified day of play  
GIRLS: Female Players aged under 18 on the specified day of play

#### **3.06 Age Dispensation – Boys & Girls**

In all BDO Sanctioned Youth Events that carry qualification or invitation to compete in the BDO World Masters Championships where it is a condition of participation that players must be under the age of 18 by the completion date of the respective Youth Event then any player gaining such qualification and reaching the age of 18 before the completion date of the World Masters Boys or Girls Championships finals shall be placed in the draw for the respective Adult section and the respective BDO World Professional International Play Off.

**3.07 Registrations and closing date**

- a. It is the responsibility of the respective organisation to ensure that the BDO are notified of the names of the players within their system that have qualified for the Championship Finals by the closing date as detailed in [c] below
  - b. It is the responsibility of the respective darts body to ensure that all relevant play offs and qualifying procedures are completed and results notified to meet with the closing date
  - c. For closing date see: [World Masters Information](#)
- N.B. Unless special dispensation has been agreed with the BDO Tournament Director then this deadline will be rigidly enforced.
- d. Qualified players can be entered via [BDO Online Entry](#)

**4.00 SEEDING OF PLAYERS**

- a. In the National Play Offs there will be no seeding of players
- b. In Qualifying Tournaments, the normal system of seeding will apply
- c. In the Men's and Women's World Masters Championships seeding of players will be in accordance with the [BDO Invitational Rankings System Rules](#) and based on the Invitation Tables effective at the cut-off date for each instance of the event. The cut-off date will be published in the [BDO Diary](#).
- d. There will be no seeding of players in the Boys and Girls Events

**5.00 MATCH PLAY**

**5.01 Playing Rules**

- a. Unless otherwise specified the [BDO Playing Rules](#) shall apply to all matches played in the BDO World Masters Championships and any qualifying play offs
- b. The Bracket system will apply to all draws

**5.02 Playing Schedules**

See [World Masters Information](#)

**5.03 Player Listings & Draws**

See [World Masters Information](#)

## 6.00 PLAYING FORMATS

### 6.01 National Play Offs – Playing Formats

- a. All legs 501 up, straight start, finish on a double
- b. Minimum leg numbers being for Quarter finals onwards shall be:
  - Men's = Minimum of best of 7 x legs 501
  - Women's = Minimum of best of 5 x legs 501
  - Boys = Minimum of best of 5 x legs 501
  - Girls = Minimum of best of 5 x legs 501

### 6.02 World Finals - Playing Formats

- a. All legs 501 up, straight start, finish on a double
- b. All sets being best of 3 x legs 501 [except where tie breaker rule is applicable]

#### A. Men's Playing Format

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|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| All Rounds to the last 16 | = Best of 5 x sets  |                           |
| Quarter Finals            | = Best of 7 x sets  |                           |
| Semi Final                | = Best of 9 x sets  |                           |
| Final                     | = Best of 11 x sets | Tie breaker rule to apply |

#### Order of Throw

- a. Each player shall throw for bull to determine who throws first in the 1st leg
- b. The player that is named first in the match draw shall throw first for bull
- c. Darts that remain in the Bull or 25 rings to be withdrawn before the second player throws
- d. Darts that rebound from the board shall be thrown again
- e. If the darts thrown for the bull prove to be tied then both players shall throw again alternately until a winner of the bull is decided
- f. The player throwing nearest the bull shall throw first in the 1st and 3rd legs of odd numbered sets and in the 2nd leg of even numbered sets
- g. The 3rd leg of any set is only played if it contributes to the result of that respective set

#### Tie Breaker Rule – Men's Final Only

- a. If the final set is still a draw after 8 x legs have been played then for the 9th leg the following tie breaker rule shall apply
- b. Each player shall throw for bull to determine who throws first in the 9th leg
- c. The player that threw first in the match shall throw first for bull
- d. Darts that remain in the Bull or 25 rings to be withdrawn before the second player throws
- e. Darts that rebound from the board shall be thrown again
- f. If the darts thrown for the bull prove to be tied then both players shall throw again alternately until a winner of the bull is decided
- g. The player that wins the 9th leg of the final set of the respective final match shall be declared the match winner

#### B. Women's Playing Format

- a. All Rounds to last 8 = Best of 7 x legs 501
- b. Semi Final and Final = Best of 9 x legs 501

#### C. Boys & Girls Playing Formats

- a. All Rounds = Best of 7 x legs 501

## 7.00 PRIZE STRUCTURE

- a. The Prize structure will be as determined by the Promoter/Sponsor
- 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.
- c. An Overseas player will be subject to UK. Withholding Tax on any prize money won.

**8.00 PLAYING ATTIRE**

- a. All the terms of BDO Playing Rule No: 25.00 shall apply in all matches played in the BDO World Masters Championships and are detailed for reference in the BDO Players Dress Code.
- b. In the BDO World Masters Championships Finals 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, Match play 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.

**9.00 ADVERTISING**

- a. All the terms of BDO Playing Rules shall apply in all the matches played in the BDO World Masters Championships and are detailed for reference in the BDO Players Dress Code.
- b. Any special sponsor or TV regulations on advertising will be detailed in the published schedule

**10.00 DRINKING**

- a. 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 BDO World Masters Championships
- b. All venue licensing conditions will be applied in full

**11.00 ANTI-DOPING POLICY**

- a. 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 Masters Championships

**12.00 BETTING CODE**

- a. The terms and conditions laid down in the BDO Code of Practice No 9: Betting and Related Activity shall apply to all players and officials participating in the BDO World Masters Championships

**13.00 OFFICIALS**

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

**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 the relevant BDO Code of Practice as laid down in Volume One of the BDO Authorised Handbook. Ref: [COP No 3 - Disciplinary Proceedings](#)

**15.00 INCIDENTS**

- a. When an 'incident' occurs which is not specifically covered within The BDO World Masters Championships 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. 13.00 (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 NOTES TO THE RULES & CONDITIONS**

- a. The Qualifications for the BDO World Masters Championship are reviewed annually at a BDO Board Meeting
- b. In these Rules and Conditions for the BDO World Masters Championship the term 'Promoters/Organisers' shall mean the British Darts Organisation Limited, or a subsidiary of that Company.

**17.00 INTERPRETATIONS**

- a. The interpretation of the BDO World Masters Championships Rules shall be determined by the BDO Directors and whose decision on any matter shall be final and binding
- b. Any matters not expressly covered in the -- BDO World Masters Championships Rules 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 for consideration and possible inclusion in a revised version of the BDO World Masters Championships Rules

## SECTION TWO – APPENDICES

### APPENDIX ONE - BDO MEMBERS COUNTIES

1	ANGUS	23	FIFE	45	NORFOLK
2	AVON [W.O.E.]	24	GLAMORGAN	46	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
3	AYRSHIRE	25	GLOUCESTERSHIRE	47	NORTHUMBERLAND
4	BEDFORDSHIRE	26	GRAMPIAN	48	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
5	BERKSHIRE	27	GREATER GLASGOW	49	OXFORDSHIRE
6	BORDERS	28	GWENT	50	PEMBROKESHIRE
7	BRECONSHIRE	29	GWYNEDD	51	PERTHSHIRE
8	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	30	HAMPSHIRE	52	RENFREWSHIRE
9	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	31	HERTFORDSHIRE	53	SHROPSHIRE
10	CENTRAL	32	HIGHLAND	54	SOMERSET
11	CHESHIRE	33	HUMBERSIDE	55	STAFFORDSHIRE
12	CLACKMANNANSHIRE	34	ISLE OF WIGHT	56	SUFFOLK
13	CLEVELAND	35	KENT	57	SURREY
14	CLWYD	36	LANARKSHIRE	58	SUSSEX
15	CORNWALL	37	LANCASHIRE G.M.C.	59	TAY VALLEY
16	CUMBRIA	38	LEICESTERSHIRE	60	TYNE & WEAR
17	DERBYSHIRE	39	LINCOLNSHIRE	61	WARWICKSHIRE
18	DEVON	40	LOTHIAN	62	WEST MIDLANDS
19	DORSET	41	LONDON	63	WILTSHIRE
20	DURHAM	42	MERSEYSIDE	64	WORCESTERSHIRE
21	EAST STIRLINGSHIRE	43	MIDDLESEX	65	YORKSHIRE
22	ESSEX	44	MONTGOMERY & RADNOR		

### APPENDIX TWO - ASSOCIATED MEMBER COUNTRIES – 17th July 2019

1	AUSTRALIA	24	GERMANY	47	NEW ZEALAND
2	AUSTRIA	25	GIBRALTAR	48	NORTHERN IRELAND
3	BAHAMAS	26	GREECE	49	NORWAY
4	BARBADOS	27	GUYANA	50	PAKISTAN
5	BELGIUM	28	HONG KONG	51	POLAND
6	BERMUDA	29	HUNGARY	52	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
7	BRAZIL	30	ICELAND	53	ROMANIA
8	BRUNEI	31	INDIA	54	RUSSIA
9	BULGARIA	32	IRAN	55	SCOTLAND
10	CANADA	33	ISLE OF MAN	56	SERBIA
11	CATALONIA	34	ITALY	57	SLOVAKIA
12	CAYMAN ISLANDS	35	JAMAICA	58	SLOVENIA
13	CHINESE TAIPEI	36	JAPAN	59	SOUTH AFRICA
14	CROATIA	37	JERSEY	60	SPAIN
15	CYPRUS	38	KOREA	61	SWEDEN
16	CZECH REPUBLIC	39	LATVIA	62	SWITZERLAND
17	DENMARK	40	LITHUANIA	63	THAILAND
18	EGYPT	41	LUXEMBOURG	64	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
19	ENGLAND	42	MACAU	65	TURKEY
20	ESTONIA	43	MALAYSIA	66	TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS
21	ETHIOPIA	44	MALTA	67	UKRAINE
22	FINLAND	45	MONGOLIA	68	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
23	FRANCE	46	NETHERLANDS	69	WALES