

# **British Darts Organisation Invitational Rankings System**

## **Part One Rules & Conditions Men & Women Issue - 2019**

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## **& Part Two Event Application Procedures Application Form**



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**EFFECTIVE DATE – 1st OCTOBER 2019**

## Part One – Rules & Conditions

### 1.00 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.01 Objectives

- a. The objective of the **BDO Invitational Rankings System** [hereafter referred to as **THE SYSTEM**] is to provide a means whereby regulated qualification to play in certain BDO promoted International darts events [hereinafter referred to as **BDO EVENTS**] can be applied by identifying the events [hereinafter referred to as **QUALIFYING EVENTS**] at which players can earn points for inclusion in the BDO Invitational Tables and by setting certain standardised eligibility and other criteria for those qualifying events

#### 1.02 Darts Body Responsibility

- a. In the operation of the BDO Invitational Rankings System most of the ranked events and Tournaments will be run under the supervision of the respective country Darts Body who will be responsible for ensuring that the objectives of the system are upheld, that the interests of the players are protected and held as paramount and that the Rules and Procedures are applied
- b. As overseers of The System the BDO will undertake to give as much assistance and advice as is practicable

#### 1.03 Men's & Women's Tables & Qualifying Events Criteria

- a. There shall be separate BDO Invitational Tables for Men and for Women
- b. There shall be separate Qualifying Events for Men and for Women
- c. Regional Tables will apply to Men's Qualifying Events only
- d. Only Singles events shall be included as Qualifying Events

#### 1.04 BDO Events & Qualifying Events

##### a. BDO EVENTS

These are set as per the decision of the BDO Board of Directors and currently include:

- BDO Men's World Professional Darts Championship
- BDO Men's World Masters Darts Championship
- BDO Men's World Trophy
- BDO Women's World Professional Darts Championship
- BDO Women's World Masters Darts Championships
- BDO Women's World Trophy

##### b. QUALIFYING EVENTS

These are events that have agreed to satisfy the criteria for inclusion as laid down in these rules and as such will be categorised as detailed in Section 2.00

#### 1.05 Effective date

- a. This version of the System will come into effect as from 1st October of each year (Hereinafter known as the Effective Date) and may be amended by the BDO Board of Directors from time to time, with such amendments coming into force on the date as specified by the BDO

### 2.00 THE INVITATIONAL TABLES SYSTEM [Hereinafter referred to as **The System**]

#### 2.01 The purpose of The System:

- a. To simplify and codify the means by which players can achieve qualification for the BDO Events;
- b. To ensure that the most elite events in the BDO calendar remain of a standard commensurate with their elite status, with a level of prize money to reflect this;
- c. To provide standardised criteria for the ranking of events (i.e. to determine how many qualification points for the BDO Events can be obtained in each Qualifying Event)
- d. To ensure that all events in the System are staged to a high standard and with a consistent format
- e. To increase the opportunities for darts players from all over the world to achieve qualification for the BDO Events.

## **2.02 The Structure of the System**

This structure will incorporate:

### **A. THE MAIN EVENTS TABLE**

Noting that within the Main Events Tables Qualifying Events will be categorised on the basis of the prize fund, the playing format and on consideration of any specific criteria in accordance with Section 3.00 of these rules

#### **A (1) MEN**

- a. This Table will consist of Men's Qualifying Events categorised by the amounts of Prize Money on offer
- b. This Table is the source from where Qualification Points for Men's BDO Events can be obtained
- c. This Table will be sectionalised to cater for events listed in the Men's A+, A, B, C, D Categories

#### **A (2) WOMEN**

- a. The Women's Main Events Table shall comprise of all World Qualifying Events
- b. This Table will be sectionalised to cater for events listed in the Women's A+, A, B, C, & D Categories of events

### **B. THE WORLD REGIONAL EVENTS TABLES – MEN ONLY**

- a. Noting that within the World Regional Events Tables Qualifying Events will be categorised on the basis of the prize fund, the playing format and on consideration of any specific criteria in accordance with Section 3.00 of these rules
- b. These Tables will be split into nine geographical regions and unless specified each of which will comprise of a Men's Table listing the Qualifying Events being contested during each respective year
- c. If granted exemption under Rule 10.00 then an alternative format pre-agreed between The BDO & the governing body of the respective Region will be applied
- d. The World Regional Event Table will be used to determine those individuals who the BDO will invite to participate in the BDO Events, who have not qualified for such BDO World Events by virtue of their position in the Main Events Table.
- e. Players must be a citizen of any given World Region in order to be eligible for direct qualification into any BDO Special Event through that World Regional Events rankings table
- f. World Regions at present being:
  - 1 Asia
  - 2 Australia
  - 3 Baltics & Scandinavia
  - 4 British Isles
  - 5 Canada
  - 6 Eastern Europe
  - 7 New Zealand
  - 8 United States of America
  - 9 Western Europe

### **C. THE SPECIAL EVENTS TABLES**

- a. In addition to the tables referred to in paragraphs A & B above, there will be a Special Events Table,
- b. The Qualifying Events included in which will, at the absolute discretion of the BDO board of directors, vary year on year,
- c. Such variations will be determined and notified by the 1st October each year.
- d. For the respective season commencing 1st October these events shall include:
  - BDO Men's World Professional Darts Championship
  - BDO Men's World Masters Darts Championship
  - BDO Men's World Darts Trophy
  - BDO Women's World Professional Darts Championship
  - BDO Women's World Masters Darts Championships
  - BDO Women's World Darts Trophy

e. Points structure in Special Events Table:

	Points allocation per placing						
	1st	2nd	Joint 3rd	Joint 5th	Joint 9th	Joint 17th	Joint 33rd
Men's World Professional Championship	49	42	35	28	21	14	7
Men's World Masters	49	42	35	28	21	14	7
Men's World Darts Trophy	49	42	35	28	21		

	Points allocation per placing						
	1st	2nd	Joint 3rd	Joint 5th	Joint 9th	Joint 17th	
Women's World Professional Championship	49	42	35	28			
Women's World Masters	49	42	35	28	21	14	7
Women's World Darts Trophy	49	42	35	28			

### 3.00 CATEGORISATION OF QUALIFYING EVENTS

#### 3.01 QUALIFYING EVENTS - POINTS TABLES

The system shall comprise a set series of Points Tables containing Qualifying Events with points awarded as per the category given to the event as per the criteria thus:

a. **Men's Special Events Table**

[Reference also - Section 2.02 C]

For the season commencing 1st October 2018 these events shall include

- BDO Men's World Professional Darts Championship
- BDO Men's World Masters Darts Championship
- BDO Men's World Darts Trophy

b. **Men's Main Events Table**

Men's Main Table	Section One	Category A +
Men's Main Table	Section Two	Category A
Men's Main Table	Section Three	Category B
Men's Main Table	Section Four	Category C
Men's Main Table	Section Five	Category D

c. **Men's World Regional Tables**

- |                   |   |           |
|-------------------|---|-----------|
| Men's World Table | 1 | Asia      |
| Men's World Table | 2 | Australia |
- The above World Regions do not operate a Regional Table and events staged in these Regions will be included in the Main Event Tables only
  - Any qualifying player for BDO Special Events will be determined as per Rule 2.02 B (c)
- |                   |   |                          |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Men's World Table | 3 | Baltics & Scandinavia    |
| Men's World Table | 4 | British Isles            |
| Men's World Table | 5 | Canada                   |
| Men's World Table | 6 | Eastern Europe           |
| Men's World Table | 7 | New Zealand              |
| Men's World Table | 8 | United States of America |
| Men's World Table | 9 | Western Europe           |
- These World Regions will each operate a Regional Table and Events as staged in these Regions will also be included in the Main Events Table unless as specified i.e. the British Inter County Championships points system will only apply in the British Isles Regional Table and as such will not be included in the Main Events Table

d. **Women’s Special Events Table**

[Reference also - Section 2.02 [C]]

For the respective season commencing 1st October these events shall include

- BDO Women’s World Professional Darts Championship
- BDO Women’s World Masters Darts Championships
- BDO Women’s World Darts Trophy

e. **Women’s Main Events Tables**

Women’s Main Table	Section One	Category A +
Women’s Main Table	Section Two	Category A
Women’s Main Table	Section Three	Category B
Women’s Main Table	Section Four	Category C
Women’s Main Table	Section Five	Category D

**3.02 QUALIFYING EVENTS – POINTS & PRIZE MONEY ALLOCATIONS**

- a. Listed in the section below are the categories of Qualifying Events together with
- The minimum Total Prize money for each category
  - The stage of the event to which prize money is available
  - Points allocated per placing achieved in the event
- b. Prize monies for lowest placing must not be less than the fee as payable for entry into the respective event

<b>MEN’S QUALIFYING EVENTS</b>	<b>Points allocation per placing</b>						
<b>Category &amp; Prize allocation Criteria</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Joint 3rd</b>	<b>Joint 5th</b>	<b>Joint 9th</b>	<b>Joint 17th</b>	<b>Joint 33rd</b>
<b>CATEGORY ‘A +’</b> Minimum Prize Fund = £10,000.00 Prizes must be paid out to at least Joint 33rd	49	42	35	28	21	14	7
<b>CATEGORY ‘A’</b> Minimum Prize Fund = £7,000.00 Prizes must be paid out to at least Joint 17th	35	30	25	20	15	10	5
<b>CATEGORY ‘B’</b> Minimum Prize Fund = £5,000.00 Prizes must be paid out to at least Joint 17th	24	20	16	12	8	4	
<b>CATEGORY ‘C’</b> Minimum Prize Fund = £3,000.00 Prizes must be paid out to at least Joint 9th	18	15	12	9	6	3	
<b>CATEGORY ‘D’</b> Minimum Prize Fund = £1,000.00 Prizes must be paid out to at least Joint 5th	14	12	10	8	6		

<b>WOMEN’S QUALIFYING EVENTS</b>	<b>Points allocation per placing</b>						
<b>Category &amp; Prize allocation Criteria</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Joint 3rd</b>	<b>Joint 5th</b>	<b>Joint 9th</b>	<b>Joint 17th</b>	<b>Joint 33rd</b>
<b>CATEGORY ‘A +’</b> Minimum Prize Fund = £5,000.00 Prizes must be paid out to at least Joint 17th	49	42	35	28	21	14	7
<b>CATEGORY ‘A’</b> Minimum Prize Fund = £3,000.00 Prizes must be paid out to at least Joint 17th	35	30	25	20	15	10	5
<b>CATEGORY ‘B’</b> Minimum Prize Fund = £2,000.00 Prizes must be paid out to at least Joint 9th	28	24	20	16	12	8	
<b>CATEGORY ‘C’</b> Minimum Prize Fund = £1,000.00 Prizes must be paid out to at least Joint 9th	21	18	15	12	9		
<b>CATEGORY ‘D’</b> Minimum Prize Fund = £500.00 Prizes must be paid out to at least Joint 5th	14	12	10	8			

### 3.03 CATEGORY & PRIZE FUND ADJUSTMENTS

- a. All Tournaments are placed into categories: A+, A, B, C or D
- b. Each category stipulates a minimum amount Prize Fund required for the Tournaments therein
- c. The parameters for the Tournament Prize fund shall start at the minimum amount as specified for the respective category up to an amount that does not equal or exceed the minimum amount as specified for the next category above [Reference also to Rule: 3.02]

CAT	MEN		WOMEN	
	Minimum Amount	Maximum Amount	Minimum Amount	Maximum Amount
A+	£10,000.00	No Limit	£5000.00	No Limit
A	£7,000.00	£9,999.00	£3,000.00	£4,999.00
B	£5,000.00	£6,999.00	£2,000.00	£2,999.00
C	£3,000.00	£4,999.00	£1,000.00	£1,999.00
D	£1,000.00	£2,999.00	£500.00	£999.00

- d. Any BDO Recognised Darts body wishing to upgrade a category by increasing the prize fund should send an email with an updated application form to [rankings@bdodarts.com](mailto:rankings@bdodarts.com)

### 3.04 BDO INVITATION TABLES – OPERATION

- a. The BDO Invitational Tables are operated as ‘rolling points tables’ based on a continuous twelve-month period of events.
- b. No event will be able to be included more than once in any Invitation Table calculation
- c. If that particular event is not held again in the next season’s calendar then the points relevant to the event are removed from the Tables one year and 6 x days after the event was held.

### 3.05 POINTS ALLOCATION CRITERIA

- a. In any Qualifying or Special Event all players as participating must have won at least 1 x match before any points are allocated

### 3.06 QUALIFYING EVENTS – POINTS ACCRUAL

- a. When a player has obtained points in more than **TWELVE** Qualifying Events in any one Events Table, only the player’s best **TWELVE** performances (in terms of points achieved in the relevant Events Table, including Special Events) will be included in the player’s total

### 3.07 SPECIAL CATEGORY – BRITISH ISLES WORLD TABLES - INTER COUNTY SERIES

- a. For the British Inter County Championships only 10 points will be awarded to the respective player for each Men’s ‘A’ Match win in the season as applicable
- b. This will apply only until a maximum of 70 points have been accrued for that respective season

### 3.08 POINTS EXPIRY

- a. To allow for the natural calendar movement of weekends points will expire on the earlier of:  
The Date next played  
or  
1 x year and 6 x days after an event has been played
- b. Where an event is no longer being played then points will expire on the anniversary of the date awarded

### 4.00 ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN QUALIFYING EVENTS

#### 4.01 Conditions of participation in Qualifying Events

In order to participate in a Qualifying Event, a player;

- a. Must be a full, associate or temporary member of the British Darts Organisation or of another member darts body of the World Darts Federation  
a list of which may be found at: [Full and Associate Member BDO Darts Bodies](#)
- 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



#### **4.02 Age Criteria**

- a. In pursuance of the Objectives laid down in Section 1.01 of this document the BDO shall at all times act in the best interests of all participating players in the fulfilment of their ambitions within the Sport of Darts regardless of creed or gender and neither does it seek to discriminate against any player on the basis of age and therefore it does not seek to enforce any lower age limit on entering a BDO ranked event other than to recognise any restriction imposed for whatever reasons by the BDO or WDF recognised darts body under whose jurisdiction the event is being staged.
- b. It therefore follows that all players regardless of age that have participated in a ranked event in compliance with the terms of entry shall be fully entitled to receive any points as won and that those points shall be placed in the respective BDO ranking table and accumulated as per procedure
- c. Similarly should any such player qualify for any award or direct invitation into a Special Event by virtue of his/her BDO Ranking points accrual then the BDO are committed to honour such qualification or invitation unless so directed otherwise by any BDO recognised authority or under any terms of sponsorship contract appertaining to the Event in question [i.e. sponsorship of a product that is only accessible to persons over a certain age and the sponsor requires shirt advertising to be worn by all players whilst on stage or when visually promoting the event]
- d. Special Events to which the foregoing shall apply being
  - Men's & Women's World Professional Darts Championships
  - Men's & Women's World Darts TrophyThe only exceptions would be as follows:
  - Men's and Women's World Masters Championships which have their own Youth Sections and as such there is in place a natural progression from Youth to Adult
- e. The BDO Invitational Rankings System provides a means whereby all players can showcase ability, pursue ambitions and realise aspirations and those opportunities should be available to anyone regardless of age
- f. It is the duty of the respective BDO Recognised Governing Body responsible for hosting a Qualifying Event to ensure that no individual participates in that event unless he or she is eligible according to the terms in this Section 4.00.

#### **4.03 Penalties for eligibility non-compliance**

Where the BDO learns that an ineligible individual has participated in a Qualifying Event then the following shall be applied:

- a. The results achieved by that individual at that event will be deleted from the relevant Qualifying Events Table by the BDO and will not count towards qualification for, invitation to and/or seeding in the BDO Events;
- b. Any entry fee paid by such individual and/or any prize money paid (or payable) to the individual in connection with the individual's participation in the Qualifying Event will be forfeit.
- c. The BDO Board of Directors may, at its discretion apply the penalties as laid down in Rule 11.01

#### **5.00 PLAYER 'SEEDING' PROCEDURES [Applicable to all Qualifying Events]**

##### **5.01 Seeding criteria**

- a. Subject to payment of the relevant entrance fees (and subject to the BDO's absolute discretion to determine that, where the circumstance warrant it, a player should not participate in a BDO Event) the requisite number of players who have achieved the highest number of points in the Qualifying Events Table shall be 'seeded' for that Qualifying event, with the individual with the highest number of points seeded one, the individual with the second highest number of points seeded two etc.).

##### **5.02 Seeding calculation schedule – Category 'A+', Category 'A' and Category 'B'**

- a. For Category 'A+', Category 'A' and Category 'B' Ranked events the seeding positions will be calculated at the latest by 72 x hours [3 x days] prior to the date of the respective Event
- b. An extra period of 24 hours shall be allowed in order to address any anomalies that may occur for whatever reason
- c. Subject to (a) and (b) above the seeding positions shall be announced and the draw shall be made at least 36 hours before the start of the Tournament

### 5.03 Seeding calculation schedule – Category ‘C’ and, Category ‘D’

- a. For Category ‘C’ and Category ‘D’ Ranked events the seeding positions will be set up to the day of the Tournament and announced directly prior to the draw being made
- b. Dispensation may be granted if applied for to cover events where site residency is a condition of entry and entries are only therefore taken after checking in as a resident on site  
[See also Rule 8.04 for posting of draws]

### 5.04 Number of Seeded Players

The criteria for the requisite numbers of players seeded shall be:

For Events comprising up to 32 entries	= 4	x seeded players
For Events comprising between 33 and 128 entries	= 8	x seeded players
For Events comprising between 129 and 256 entries	= 16	x seeded players
For Events comprising of more than 257 entries	= 32	x seeded players

### 5.05 Seeding formula

The formula as laid down in the BDO playing rules shall apply:

4 x seeded players (1 – 4) : (2 – 3)

8 x seeded players: (1 – 8) : (4 – 5) : (3 – 6) : (2 – 7)

16 x seeded players: (1 – 16) : (8 – 9) : (5 – 12) : (4 – 13) : (3 – 14) : (6 – 11) : (7 – 10) : (2 – 15)

32 x seeded players: (1 - 32) : (16 - 17) : (9 - 24) : (8 - 25) : (5 - 28) : (12 - 21) : (13 - 20) : (4 - 29)  
(3 - 30) : (14 - 19) : (11 - 22) : (6 - 27) : (7 - 26) : (10 - 23) : (15 - 18) : (2 - 31)

### 5.06 Seeded Players – Placement in Match-play Draw & Tied points procedure

- a. The BDO Ranking Tables MUST be used to seed players in the event draw
- b. Where there is a tie on points then reference to the current WDF rankings Tables will be made to decide which ranking position is awarded to each tied player

### 5.07 Seeded Players – allocation to neutral board

- a. In Tournament matchplay where seeded players are scheduled to play on a specific board in floor matches then in any instance where a seeded player is, for whatever reason, required to relocate to another board for a match then that board shall, for both players, be a neutral board [i.e. a board that neither has been assigned to at any time in the respective tournament.

## 6.00 PLAYING FORMATS

### 6.01 All Qualifying Events

- a. Playing formats for all Qualifying Events shall be at the organisers discretion but shall comprise of a minimum of the best of 5 (501) legs for all rounds to the last 64 of the Men’s Events and to the last 16 of the Women’s Events
- b. The format from the last 64 in Men’s Events and from the last 16 in Women’s Events shall comprise of a minimum of the best of 7 (501) legs.

## 7.00 EQUIPMENT – All Qualifying Events

Compliance is required in conforming to equipment regulations as follows

### 7.01 Playing Area Board layouts

- a. All end boards that do not have a wall as a partition must be sectioned off to avoid player distraction from any free access areas or walkways
- b. Board spacing must conform to all local Health and Safety regulations that are applicable

### 7.02 Match scoring systems

- a. Each match in a BDO Ranked Tournament must have a facility where both competing players can have a clear view of the scores attained and total scores remaining for each player.
- b. This can be achieved manually with score pads and pens or by using an electronic scoring system.

### 7.03 Match Scoring Display

- a. Regardless of whatever system is used the display must include the scores attained and scores remaining for each player at all times during each respective ‘leg’ with each updated display in place before the next player prepares to throw
- b. The display should allow for at least 5 x sets of scores attained and scores remaining for each player to be on view during the duration of each leg

#### 7.04 Dartboards

Organisers of tournaments played under these Rules must ensure that the dartboards to be played on have been approved for use by the BDO by meeting the specification below

- a. All Dartboards shall be of the 'bristle' type.
- b. All Dartboards shall be manufactured from Sisal
- c. All Dartboards shall be of the 1 - 20 clock pattern
- d. All Dartboards shall have an inner centre ring (Bull) that shall score 50 points.
- e. All Dartboards shall have an outer centre ring that shall score 25 points
- f. All Dartboards shall have an inner narrow band, 'Treble Ring', which shall score treble the segment number
- g. All Dartboards shall have an outer narrow band, 'Double Ring', which shall score double the segment number.
- h. All Dartboards shall have segment boundary material comprising as follows:
  - Wire types can be round, triangular or diamond-shaped in section maximum 1.85mm or 1.27mm minimum. (+/- .2mm)
  - Inner and outer bull rings, if not made of wire, to have sharpened edges and a wall thickness not greater than 1.6mm (+/- 0.2 mm)
  - Strip materials should not be greater than 1.85 mm in wall thickness and have a sharpened edge to form an apex.
- i. All Dartboard segment boundary materials shall either be affixed to the face of the board in such a manner that they lie flat on the face of the dartboard or alternatively strip materials be embedded into the surface of the board
- j. All Dartboards shall have the following dimensions;
 

Double and Treble dimensions to be:

  - for conventional wire boards, measured inside to inside = 8.0mm +/- 0.2mm
  - for strip material manufacture measured apex to apex = 10.00mm +/- 0.2mm
  - Inner Bull (50) ring inside diameter = 12.7 mm. +/- 0.2 mm.
  - Outer Bull (25) ring inside diameter = 31.8 mm +/- 0.3 mm.
  - Outside edge of Double segment wire to Centre Bull = 170.0 mm. +/- 0.2 mm.
  - Outside edge of Treble segment wire to Centre Bull = 107.4 mm. +/- 0.2 mm.
  - Outside edge of Double segment wire diameter = 340.0 mm. +/- 0.5 mm.
  - Overall dartboard diameter = 451.0 mm. +/- 3.0 mm.

#### 8.00 PROCEDURES FOR STATISTICAL NOTIFICATIONS

For all Qualifying events there must be an efficient and consistent procedure of notification to the BDO of all information as required and in a timescale as stipulated and shall include:

##### 8.01 Statistics & Links All Qualifying Main Table Events

- a. The BDO recognised Darts bodies as responsible for all tournaments included in the Main and Regional Tables must provide up-to-date information on all participating players progress together with leg scores (updated as frequently as possible during the event) and the relevant BDO recognised darts body must, at the same time as application for the event is submitted provide the BDO with a web address or other means by which such information can be accessed, a reference to this website or means of contact will then be placed on the: [BDO Website](#)

##### 8.02 Information Submissions - All Qualifying Main Table Events

- a. Event information (including, without limitation, the completed draw sheet, the results of each match and the names and nationalities of each player who received ranking points to be added to the Main Events Table) must be sent to the BDO Rankings Table Director [rankings@bdodarts.com](mailto:rankings@bdodarts.com). within 24 hours of the completion of the relevant event.
- b. The preferred method of notification would be by using the Darts for Windows database with players entered under their nationalities or by using a template as downloaded from the [BDO Website](#)

##### 8.03 Internet Streaming – All Qualifying Main Table Events

- a. Where an event included in the Main Events Table is to be streamed live on the Internet, the BDO recognised darts body hosting the event must by 48 hours prior to the commencement of the relevant event, provide the BDO with a website address from which the streaming can be accessed, a link to which will be placed on the [BDO Website](#)
- b. It would be advisable that all organisers of 'A+' – 'A' – 'B' categorised events give notice on any entry form/flyer that live streaming or otherwise filming of matches can be anticipated

#### **8.04 Posting of Draws**

Unless dispensation has been given by the BDO Directors to act otherwise the Event Draw, names of players as entered and listings of seeding should be posted via whatever means are available and informed to the BDO as follows

a. **Category A+, A and B Ranked Events**

Draws to be posted and informed to the BDO at least 48 x hours prior to the start of the event with full results informed to the BDO within 24 hours of the conclusion of the event

b. **Category C and D Ranked Events**

Full results to be informed to the BDO within 24 hours of the conclusion of the event

#### **8.05 Advertising**

It is the responsibility of each respective BDO recognised darts body to ensure that each Qualifying Event as applied for must effect advertising is commensurate with the BDO Invitational Rankings System Objectives by promoting each event in a manner that will encourage maximum participation This should be effected by:

- a. Producing advertising literature that details the Event, The Tournaments included in the event, Date of the Event, Name of the playing venue, Address of the playing venue, Closing date for entries, Schedule, , Entry Fee, Prize Structure and BDO Ranking Category
- b. Advertising literature should include the BDO logo
- c. A copy of all advertising literature must be forwarded to the BDO within 180 days of the respective event

#### **8.06 BDO Rules & Codes of Practice**

- a. All BDO Ranked events will come under the terms as applicable in the:
  - BDO Playing Rules
  - BDO Codes of Practice

These documents can be sourced on website: [BDO Rules](#)

#### **8.07 BDO – Regulating Authority**

- a. As the regulating body of the BDO Invitational Rankings Tables system the BDO reserve the right at its discretion and agreement by the BDO Board of Directors to stage a darts event at any worldwide location of its choosing
- b. In any instance of the application of [a] the BDO shall give the proper notice to the BDO recognised darts body of the country in which the event is to be staged
- c. This notice shall be given to the BDO recognised darts body prior to the darts event being advertised or listed in the respective BDO Diary of Events and shall include:
  - The type of darts event.
  - Whether it is a Men's, Women's, Boys or Girls darts event.
  - The proposed date of the darts event.
  - The proposed venue for the darts event
  - The BDO Invitational Rankings System Category to which the darts event has been allocated
- d. The BDO will reserve the right to withhold any information on the event in question if it is considered as being in the commercial interests of the BDO to do so

#### **9.00 DATA PROTECTION - PRIVACY NOTICES**

- a. Countries subject to General Data Protection Regulation [GDPR] or similar to provide access to any Privacy Policy Notices that are applicable and advertise that availability and source on entry forms/posters/flyers etc.
- b. Such Notices should be included on the respective Countries website and a location link should be provided on entry forms/posters/flyers etc.

## 10.00 WORLD REGIONS – EXEMPTION FROM THE SYSTEM

### 10.01 Right of exemption from the System

- a. The BDO reserve the right to grant exemption to rules within this document if deemed to be for the benefit of the respective BDO recognised darts body and/or its players
- b. In such circumstances the Rule 2.02 Section B paragraph (c) shall apply
- c. To date the World Regions of Asia and Australia have applied for and been granted such exemption

### 10.02 Conditions of exemption

- a. Exemption under the above terms shall not preclude the World Region in question from compliance with all other rules as relevant and as laid down in this documentation
- b. Application for exemption must be made in writing to the BDO after due consultation and agreement by the recognised darts body of the respective World Region

## 11.00 CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

### 11.01 Failure to Comply

Failure to comply with any of the provisions laid down within these Rules may result in an event being either:

- a. Reclassified (i.e., not included in the Main Event Table) in the following year or
- b. Declassified (i.e., not included in the System at all) in the following year)

## 12.00 GENERAL INFORMATION

### 12.01 Dates Restrictions

- a. No events that clash with the dates of the BDO World Trophy, World Masters or World Professional Championships will be awarded BDO invitational Points
- b. No European events classified as: Category A+, Category A, Category B, will be granted BDO Invitation Table Points if they clash with any British Inter County Championship fixture dates.
- c. Providing it meets with BDO written approval Events classified as Category C & Category D may be permitted to clash with British Inter County Championship fixture dates

### 12.02 Variable Information

Certain details appertaining to the BDO Rankings system are subject to periodical change in order to facilitate compliance and these are included below

#### A. British Inter County Championships Fixture Dates [BICC]

In order that participating countries can maintain long term consistency in planning events these fixture dates are published for 3 x Seasons in advance

2019 – 2020 BICC Fixture Dates					2021 – 2022 BICC Fixture Dates						
12th	October	&	13th	October	2019	2nd	October	&	3rd	October	2021
2nd	November	&	3rd	November	2019	6th	November	&	7th	November	2021
30th	November	&	1st	December	2019	4th	December	&	5th	December	2021
18th	January	&	19th	January	2020	15th	January	&	16th	January	2022
8th	February	&	9th	February	2020	12th	February	&	13th	February	2022
29th	February	&	1st	March	2020	5th	March	&	6th	March	2022
28th	March	&	29th	March	2020	26th	March	&	27th	March	2022
25th	April	&	26th	April	2020	23rd	April	&	24th	April	2022
5th	September	&	6th	September	2020	3rd	September	&	4th	September	2022
2020 – 2021 BICC Fixture Dates					The BDO Reserve the right to amend the BICC dates if it is necessary to do All are advised to check the BDO Diary prior to submitting any applications that may be effected by BICC dates						
10th	October	&	11th	October							2020
31st	October	&	1st	November							2020
28th	November	&	29th	November							2020
16th	January	&	17th	January							2021
13th	February	&	14th	February							2021
6th	March	&	7th	March							2021
27th	March	&	28th	March							2021
24th	April	&	25th	April	2021						
4th	September	&	5th	September	2021						

**B. Currency Exchange**

Organisers of Events are not required to convert their prize funds to Pounds Sterling (GBP) but should refer to the multi-currency tables below to identify the minimum prize fund values appropriate to their own currency.

Currency		Men				
		Minimum Prize Fund by Category				
Name	Code	A+	A	B	C	D
<b>Sterling</b>	<b>GBP</b>	10000	7000	5000	3000	1000
<b>Australian Dollar</b>	<b>AUD</b>	18300	12800	9200	5500	1800
<b>Bulgarian Lev</b>	<b>BGN</b>	22100	15500	11000	6600	2200
<b>Canadian Dollar</b>	<b>CAD</b>	16400	11500	8200	4900	1600
<b>Czech Koruna</b>	<b>CZK</b>	291300	203900	145700	87400	29100
<b>Danish Krone</b>	<b>DKK</b>	84300	59000	42200	25300	8400
<b>Euro</b>	<b>EUR</b>	11300	7900	5600	3400	1100
<b>Hungarian Forint</b>	<b>HUF</b>	3777000	2644000	1889000	1133000	378000
<b>Icelandic Krona</b>	<b>ISK</b>	1531000	1071000	765000	459000	153000
<b>Japanese Yen</b>	<b>JPY</b>	1333000	933000	667000	400000	133000
<b>New Zealand Dollar</b>	<b>NZD</b>	19700	13800	9900	5900	2000
<b>Polish Zloty</b>	<b>PLN</b>	49500	34600	24700	14800	4900
<b>Romanian Leu</b>	<b>RON</b>	53600	37500	26800	16100	5400
<b>Russian Ruble</b>	<b>RUB</b>	796000	557000	398000	239000	80000
<b>Swedish Krona</b>	<b>SEK</b>	121000	84000	60000	36000	12000
<b>Swiss Franc</b>	<b>CHF</b>	12200	8600	6100	3700	1200
<b>Turkish Lira</b>	<b>TRY</b>	70400	49300	35200	21100	7000
<b>US Dollar</b>	<b>USD</b>	12400	8700	6200	3700	1200

Currency		Women				
		Minimum Prize Fund by Category				
Name	Code	A+	A	B	C	D
<b>Sterling</b>	<b>GBP</b>	5000	3000	2000	1000	500
<b>Australian Dollar</b>	<b>AUD</b>	9200	5500	3700	1800	900
<b>Bulgarian Lev</b>	<b>BGN</b>	11000	6600	4400	2200	1100
<b>Canadian Dollar</b>	<b>CAD</b>	8200	4900	3300	1600	800
<b>Czech Koruna</b>	<b>CZK</b>	145700	87400	58300	29100	14600
<b>Danish Krone</b>	<b>DKK</b>	42200	25300	16900	8400	4200
<b>Euro</b>	<b>EUR</b>	5600	3400	2300	1100	600
<b>Hungarian Forint</b>	<b>HUF</b>	1889000	1133000	755000	378000	189000
<b>Icelandic Krona</b>	<b>ISK</b>	765000	459000	306000	153000	77000
<b>Japanese Yen</b>	<b>JPY</b>	667000	400000	267000	133000	67000
<b>New Zealand Dollar</b>	<b>NZD</b>	9900	5900	3900	2000	1000
<b>Polish Zloty</b>	<b>PLN</b>	24700	14800	9900	4900	2500
<b>Romanian Leu</b>	<b>RON</b>	26800	16100	10700	5400	2700
<b>Russian Ruble</b>	<b>RUB</b>	398000	239000	159000	80000	40000
<b>Swedish Krona</b>	<b>SEK</b>	60000	36000	24000	12000	6000
<b>Swiss Franc</b>	<b>CHF</b>	6100	3700	2400	1200	600
<b>Turkish Lira</b>	<b>TRY</b>	35200	21100	14100	7000	3500
<b>US Dollar</b>	<b>USD</b>	6200	3700	2500	1200	600

## **13.00 INTERPRETATIONS**

### **13.01 Authority of interpretations**

- a. The interpretation of the BDO Invitational Rankings System Rules & Conditions shall be determined by the BDO whose decision on any matter shall be final and binding
- b. Any matters not expressly covered in the BDO Invitational Rankings System Rules & Conditions 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 Invitational Rankings System Rules & Conditions
- d. The BDO Directors alone shall have the right to decide on any amendments or additions to the BDO Rankings System Rules and associated documentation

### **13.02 Abbreviations**

Abbreviations used in this document refer to:

BDO	-	British Darts Organisation
LDO	-	Ladies Darts Organisation
PDC	-	Professional Darts Corporation
WDF	-	World Darts Federation

## Part Two – Event Application Process + Event Application Form

### 1.00 APPLICATION CRITERIA

#### 1.01 BDO Affiliated Darts Bodies

- a. In any instance where a British based BDO Affiliated Darts Body wishes to stage an event in which BDO Invitational Ranking System Points are to be applied for it shall be necessary for that Affiliated Darts body to make direct application to the Recognised National Darts Body of the Country in which the event is to be staged and which must include details as follows for each event as applied for:
  - Event Date
  - Event Venue
  - Category applied for,
  - Guaranteed Prize structures
  - Entry fees
- b. The BDO recognised darts body of the respective country will at its total discretion make the decision on the Application
- c. The BDO recognised darts Body must apply for the relevant points through the normal process
- d. The BDO recognised darts body must inform the BDO of any decision made by the Country in question in respect of any application
- e. The event cannot be advertised until permission to stage the event has been granted by the Country in question
- f. As the BDO Affiliated Darts Body's Governing body the BDO must act in a supervisory capacity for any event as staged by the BDO Affiliated Darts Body and therefore will have the right of veto over any BDO Affiliated Darts Body Event or points awarded
- g. The BDO will act as arbitrator in any disputes between all parties should the need arise
- h. Continuation of any event in subsequent years shall be under the terms of re-application – Section 9.00
- i. Currently the only British based BDO Affiliated Darts body is the Ladies Darts Organisation

### 2.00 APPLICATION PROTOCOL

#### 2.01 Points Allocation Protocol

In order that a standard procedure of application and acceptance for Qualifying Events can be implemented it is necessary to determine the protocol of entitlement for the allocation of BDO Invitational rankings system points as being:

- a. Only properly BDO recognised darts bodies are entitled, within their country boundaries and jurisdiction, to sanction Darts Events that, provided they comply with the criteria and procedures as laid down within the BDO rulings as applicable, will be given the right of application for any such events to be included as Qualifying Events in the BDO Invitational Rankings Tables system
- b. If such application is successful then Ranking Points will be granted of a total as warranted for the Category designated to the respective Tournament as applied for
- c. These Ranking Points remain the property of the respective BDO recognised darts body until such time that they are awarded to the players so entitled to receive them and as such are not transferrable for any other purpose
- d. The applying BDO recognised darts body shall assume responsibility for the payment in full of any prize monies as advertised
- e. The applying BDO recognised darts body shall be responsible for the observance of all BDO Rules as applicable

#### 2.02 Acceptance of Application criteria

- a. Where such an application is received, the BDO will have absolute discretion as to whether or not to include the event in the System (taking into account, for example, but without limitation, whether, and if applicable, the date of the event clashes with an event in the British Inter County Championships and, where it wishes to include it in the System, which Table and which category within that Table the event will be included in

#### 2.03 Procedures of acceptance

- a. Where the BDO elects to include an event in the System as Qualifying Event, it will notify the respective national darts body of the country and list the event on the 'Events Diary' set out on the BDO website [www.bdodarts.com](http://www.bdodarts.com) and it will be code-marked accordingly:



### **3.00 APPLICATION PROCESS**

#### **3.01 PROCEDURES OF APPLICATION**

In order for a BDO Ranked Tournament to be included in the System as a Qualifying Event then the following procedures must be applied

- a. The Event must have been sanctioned by the recognised national darts body of the country in question
- b. Applications as submitted from sources other than recognised national darts bodies will not be accepted or processed
- c. All applications must be submitted on the official Application Forms and sent electronically to the BDO Rankings Officer: [rankings@bdodarts.com](mailto:rankings@bdodarts.com).

#### **3.02 REPEAT AND NEW APPLICATIONS**

- a. Repeat applications must be submitted within 1 x month of the respective event having been played
- b. Applications for new events to be submitted at the latest 12 x months prior to the date being applied for
- c. Special dispensation is at the sole discretion of the BDO Directors in extenuating circumstances only all details that are required on the Application Forms may not, at the time the application is due, be known but no application will be accepted unless it gives detail of the actual name, date, general location and prize funds of the event as being applied for
- d. Note that with each application the terms of BDO Ranking System Rule 12.01 shall apply

#### **3.03 MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS**

- a. The application form gives provision to apply for a tournament to be staged in consecutive years up to a maximum of three years on condition that the tournament is re-confirmed as taking place within the same time frame as detailed in 16.01 (d) and (e) above
- b. Multiple year dates will be held only for events that have confirmed application within the time frames as detailed in (a) and (b) above
- c. The granting of sanction for long term qualifying tournament applications will not preclude the BDO from the right to exclude the Qualifying Tournament at any stage during the period of the sanction should the BDO Directors consider it is in the best interest of the BDO or the BDO Invitational Ranking System to do so
- d. In any circumstance of non-application dates will be allocated on a first come first served basis
- e. Note that with all multiple applications the terms of BDO Ranking System Rule 12.01 shall apply

#### **3.04 ADVERTISING MATERIAL CONTENT**

- a. No event will be confirmed on the BDO Diary or event listings until copies of the relevant advertising material [i.e. flyers, posters etc.] have been submitted to the BDO and approved  
Content of advertising material must include:

- Organising Darts Body
- Name and date of Tournament
- Venue and location
- Entry Fee
- Prize Fund
- Prize Stage payments [i.e. 1st, 2nd, Joint 3rd, 5th, 9th, 17th, 33rd. etc. as applicable  
Note Part One Rule: 3.02 (b)]

- b. Statements on advertising material to indicate:

- BDO Rankings Table Points apply
- BDO Rankings Table System Rules & Procedures apply

- c. Data Protection [GDPR]

Link to any website Privacy Policy Documentation [As per Part One rule 9.00]

#### **3.05 NON-COMPLIANCE**



- a. At the discretion of the BDO Directors non-compliance with any of the foregoing may result in the respective event being removed from the BDO Diary and list of BDO events without notice together with any other sanctions as may be imposed (Ref: Part One – Rule 11.01)

**4.00 APPLICATION FORM [Specimen Copy Only]**

A copy of the Application Form is reproduced below

The actual version for completion and submission can be sourced on BDO Website:  
[www.bdodarts.com](http://www.bdodarts.com) > Rules > General Documents > **BDO Ranked Event Application Form**

The actual version is 'live' and can be completed and returned via email as an Excel File  
 to  
[rankings@bdodarts.com](mailto:rankings@bdodarts.com)

	<b>BDO INVITATIONAL RANKINGS SYSTEM - MEN &amp; WOMEN</b>						
<b>BDO INVITATIONAL RANKINGS TABLE QUALIFYING EVENT</b>							
<b>APPLICATION FORM</b>							
PLEASE COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED DETAILS IN BLOCK LETTERS							
BDO Recognised Applicant Darts Body							
Principal Contact:		Position:					
Email:		Telephone:					
Country Website:							
Event Name:							
Venue Name & Address							
Event Details							
No	Season	Player Type	Date	Category	Currency		
1		Men					
		Women					
2		Men					
		Women					
3		Men					
		Women					
Requirements for Minimum Prize Fund and Payment Depth							
Men's Categories		A+	A	B	C	D	
Minimum Total Prize Fund		£10,000.00	£7,000.00	£5,000.00	£3,000.00	£1,000.00	
Prizes must be paid out to at least		Joint 33rd	Joint 17th	Joint 17th	Joint 9th	Joint 5th	
Women's Categories		A+	A	B	C	D	
Minimum Total Prize Fund		£5,000.00	£3,000.00	£2,000.00	£1,000.00	£500.00	
Prizes must be paid out to at least		Joint 17th	Joint 17th	Joint 9th	Joint 9th	Joint 5th	
Distribution of Prize Fund							
Men				Women			
Place	Amount	x	Total	Place	Amount	x	Total
1st		1		1st		1	
2nd		1		2nd		1	
Joint 3rd		2		Joint 3rd		2	
Joint 5th		4		Joint 5th		4	
Joint 9th		8		Joint 9th		8	
Joint 17th		16		Joint 17th		16	
Joint 33rd		32		Joint 33rd		32	
Total Prize fund				Total Prize Fund			
Declaration							
As principal officer responsible for the above application I confirm that all details supplied are correct and that as a BDO Recognised Darts Body we hereby agree that by submitting this application we shall abide by all rules and regulations as applicable						Date:	
Please complete all details and submit this form to <a href="mailto:rankings@bdodarts.com">rankings@bdodarts.com</a>							

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## Appendix One- SCHEDULE OF RULE AMENDMENTS

### AMENDMENTS – 1st October 2018 to 30th September 2019

Listed below are amendments as effected for the 1st October 2019 Issue  
Amendments included are only those as agreed by the BDO Directors

30-09-19	General Layout Changed to incorporate a Part One & Part Two of Rules		
Pages	1 - 15	Part One	Rules & Conditions
Pages	16 - 20	Part Two	Event Application Procedures
<b>The above changes have caused several Rule categorifies to be relocated To avoid listing of all instances comparison with previous issue is suggested</b>			

<b>Part One – Rules &amp; Conditions</b>			
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Amendment / Addition</b>
30-09-19	1	Frontispiece	Updated to reflect year and general layout changes
30-09-19	2-3	Contents	Changed to suit new numbering of some rules
30-09-19	3	1.02	New Rule: Recognised Governing Body's Responsibility Old Rule 1.02 [Age Criteria] now Rule 4.02]
30-09-19	6	2.00 C. (e)	Removal of Finder Masters from Special Events lists
30-09-19	6	3.02	Rule moved from 12.02 – Points & Prize Money Allocations
30-09-19	8	3.08	New Rule detailing criteria for Points Expiry
30-09-19	8	4.01	Section (a) clarifying membership categories
30-09-19	10	5.07	New Rule – Seeded players allocated to neutral board
30-09-19	10	7.01	Clarification to read 'free access areas'
30-09-19	10	7.03	Match scoring systems – new rule detailing requirement
30-09-19	10	7.04	Match scoring display – new rule setting display criteria
30-09-19	11	8.03	to advise notification that live streaming or filming of matches should be anticipated at all events
30-09-19	12	9.00	New Rule covering GDPR compliance
30-09-19	13	12.02 A	Reduction of 5 x seasons BICC listings to 3 x seasons only
30-09-19	14	12.02 B	Currency Exchange rates– Chart to give prize fund conversions
<b>Part Two – Event Application Process + Application Form</b>			
<b>This is a new Section comprising of Rules &amp; Procedures relevant to the Event Application process and as such is generally a compilation of previous rulings plus a revised issue of the Application Form Rule Headings are listed below</b>			
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Addition</b>
30-09-19	16	1.00	APPLICATION CRITERIA
30-09-19	16	2.00	APPLICATION PROTOCOL
30-09-19	17	3.00	APPLICATION PROCESS
30-09-19	18	4.00	APPLICATION FORM