



# MEN'S BDO WORLD TROPHY 2019 PLAYING RULES & FORMAT

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**NOTE:** This issue of the Playing Rules and Format is applicable only to the **2019 - MEN'S BDO WORLD TROPHY TOURNAMENT.**

The qualifying conditions for the 2019 Championship have been agreed by the BDO Board Of Directors

In the Playing Rules and Format for the BDO MEN'S WORLD TROPHY the term Promoters/Organisers' shall mean the British Darts Organisation Limited, or a subsidiary of that Company.

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## 1.00 TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

- 1.01 Invitations to play in the BDO WORLD TROPHY will be issued by the Promoters/Organisers to those players that have qualified and are eligible to play in the Tournament subject to their eligibility as laid down in Section 3.00 of this document
- 1.02 Such invitations will be issued directly to the players, and where relevant, with copies being sent to the player's respective National Darts Body for reference.
- 1.03 The consideration and determination of eligible players will be made by the Promoters/Organisers after due consideration of the relevant BDO eligibility Rulings as currently in place
- 1.04 The 2019 Men's World Trophy Finals first round proper shall include '32' players which shall comprise as follows:
- 18 x BDO Men's Invitation Ranking Tables System players 18 x players
  - 4 x Qualifiers from the BDO World Trophy Men's Play Offs 4 x players
  - 1 x player from each of 9 World Regions as determined in Rule 2.03 9 x players
  - Current Winmau Men's World Masters Champion 1 x player

## 2.00 CATEGORIES OF QUALIFICATION

### 2.01 BDO Men's Invitational Rankings Table Qualifiers

- a) These qualifiers shall be determined from those players listed in positions 1 – 18 in the BDO Men's Invitational Rankings Table on **15th April 2019**
- b) If a number of players are listed in the same position then consideration will be given to 'other' systems to enable a decision to be made on which player/players are to be included

### 2.02 Men's World Trophy Play Off Qualifiers

- a) 4 x Qualifiers shall be determined through the designated Play Offs as staged previous to the BDO World Trophy Finals
- b) Entry into these Play Offs shall be open to all players that are eligible under the BDO and WDF eligibility Rulings as laid down in Section 3.00
- c) The Play Offs shall be organised by the BDO and the BDO Playing Rules shall apply

### 2.03 World Regional Direct Qualifiers

#### A. Regional Qualifying Play Off Winners from each of the 2 x Regions thus:

Australia Asia

Noting that the above play offs must be executed in a time frame as advised by BDO

#### B. A player from each of 7 x World Regional Tables at 15th April 2019 i.e.:

Baltic & Scandinavia British Isles Canada Eastern Europe

New Zealand U.S.A. Western Europe

- a) All World Regional Qualifiers must be in compliance with the current BDO eligibility rulings as laid down in Section 3.00
- b) The 7 x Direct Regional 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 of **15th April 2019**
- c) In any instance where an invited Regional qualifier declines an invitation to participate then the place shall be filled by the next player in the Men's Main Invitational Rankings Table not already qualified [Reference also Rule 2.01 [b]]

### 2.04 Current Men's World Champions

- a) For the 2019 Men's World Darts Trophy Invitations will be extended to the following Men's World Champions
- Current Winmau World Masters Champion
- b) In the instance that any of the above are listed in any other of the qualifying categories or as determined under clause 2.01 sections (a) and (b) then the next listed player in the BDO Invitation Table will be included

### 2.05 Men's Seeding

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

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## 3.00 PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY RULINGS

In order to participate the World Darts Trophy Final and/or Play Offs, a player:

- a) Must be a member of the BDO or another member darts body of the World Darts Federation a list of which may be found at: [List of Member and Associate Member 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

## 4.00 MATCH PLAY FORMAT

- 4.01 Unless specified as otherwise the BDO Playing Rules shall apply to all matches played in the BDO World Trophy
- 4.02 At The BDO World Trophy players must be in attendance at least 60 minutes before the start of a match play session in order to facilitate when required the formal introduction on stage of all players involved in that session.
- 4.03 At The BDO World Trophy if a player fails to attend to meet the requirement in Clause No: 4.02 then an official warning will be issued by the Promoters/Organisers, and in the instance of a second offence the player shall forfeit the right to receive any prize monies due

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

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

### 4.05 Playing Format – Men's World Trophy Finals

First Round	=	Best of 11 legs 501	[first to win 6 legs]
Second Round	=	Best of 11 legs 501	[first to win 6 legs]
Quarter Finals	=	Best of 13 legs 501	[first to win 7 legs]
Semi Finals	=	Best of 15 legs 501	[first to win 8 legs]
Final	=	Best of 19 legs 501	[first to win 10 legs]

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

The order of throw will be as per laid down in the BDO Playing Rule 1.00

### 4.07 Order of Throw – Men's World Trophy Finals

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

The winner of the throw for bull shall throw first in all odd numbered legs

- 4.08 The draw and the schedule of match play for each round shall be as indicated in the players briefing and as laid down in the BDO World Trophy programme.
- 4.09 The Bracket system will apply to the match play draw which shall be conducted at the discretion of the Promoters/Organisers in conjunction with the Promoters/Sponsors.
- 4.10 The Promoters/Organisers reserve the right to alter the Playing Format, and the match play schedule to accommodate any circumstances that may occur during the BDO World Trophy

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## 5.00 PRIZE STRUCTURE

- 5.01 The Prize structure will be as determined by the Promoter/Sponsor/Organiser
- 5.02 In the BDO World Trophy Finals Stages each player is eligible to receive a minimum of first round loser prize money subject to having participated in that first round.
- 5.03 Every other player is eligible to receive prize money in respect of the position attained in the BDO World Trophy
- 5.04 Prize money of £1,000.00 will be awarded for the highest 3 x dart Check-out recorded in the combined Men's and Women's World Darts Trophy Finals matchplay  
In the instance of more than one player achieving the same highest Check-out then the £1,000.00 prize money will be divided equally between them.
- 5.05 If applicable a Special Prize for the first 9x dart leg in matchplay on stage at The BDO World Trophy will be made available  
In the instance of more than one player achieving a 9x dart leg in matchplay on stage then the prize value will be divided equally between them.
- 5.06 The official stage presentations shall be to the Champion, and the Runner-up.
- 5.07 If a player is not present at the official presentation ceremony to receive prize money, or prizes, without the prior permission of the Promoters/Organisers then that player shall forfeit the right to receive such prize money or prizes that may be due.
- 5.08 If a player does not fulfil all playing commitments within the BDO World Trophy, without reasonable cause, then that player shall forfeit the right to receive any prize money, prizes, or trophies that may be due to that player in respect of the BDO World Trophy
- 5.09 If any expenditure is incurred as a result of such a default then the player, or person deemed to be responsible shall be held liable for the additional costs involved.
- 5.10 An Overseas player will be subject to UK. Withholding Tax on any prize money won,

## 6.00 POINTS STRUCTURE – MEN'S WORLD TROPHY

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

1st	2nd	Joint 3rd	Joint 5th	Joint 9th	Joint 17th
49	42	35	28	21	0

- 6.02 A player must have won at least 1 x match in the World Trophy Finals before any points are allocated

## 7.00 PLAYING ATTIRE

- 7.01 All the terms of BDO Playing Rule No: 16.0 shall apply in all matches played in the BDO World Trophy, and are detailed for reference in the BDO Players Dress Code.
- 7.02 In the BDO World Trophy the Playing Attire of any participating player shall be subject to BDO approval.
- 7.03 Any unacceptable Playing Attire must be changed before that player can participate in any Match play on stage, interviews and introductions.
- 7.04 Any player refusing to meet with BDO approval shall be liable to forfeit that respective match, and shall be reported to the appropriate darts body for Disciplinary Proceedings to be considered.

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### 8.00 ADVERTISING

- 8.01 All the terms of BDO Playing Rule No: 17.0 shall apply in all the matches played in the BDO World Trophy and are detailed for reference in the BDO Players Dress Code.

### 9.00 DRINKING

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

### 10.00 ANTI-DOPING POLICY

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

### 11.00 BETTING CODE

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

### 12.00 OFFICIALS

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

### 13.00 PLAYERS & OFFICIALS CONDUCT

- 13.01 Any players or match official's conduct which is considered to have brought the Sport of Darts into disrepute shall be liable to Disciplinary Proceedings being taken against that player, or that official.
- 13.02 Such Disciplinary Action shall be instigated by the Promoters/Organisers, and shall be conducted in accordance with BDO Code of Practice No: 3 as laid down in the BDO Rules Library
- 13.03 Masters of Ceremonies and Referees shall not allow any player to use the microphone at any time during the BDO World Trophy without being officially invited to do so.
- 13.04 During Match play any player, or official, using offensive language, or seen to be 'mouthing' any offensive language, shall be deemed to have brought the Sport of Darts into disrepute, and shall be subject to Disciplinary Proceedings being taken against that player, or that official.

### 14.00 INCIDENTS

- 14.01 When an 'incident' occurs which is not specifically covered within the BDO World Trophy Playing Rules and Format, or the BDO Playing Rules, then the Promoters/Organisers decision shall be final and binding.
- 14.02 Any decision made under Clause No. 14.01 shall be referred to an ensuing BDO Board Meeting, when that decision shall be considered for inclusion within a revised version of these Rules.

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### 15.00 INTERPRETATIONS

- 15.01 The interpretation of the BDO World Trophy Rules shall be determined by the BDO Directors and whose decision on any matter shall be final and binding
- 15.02 Any matters not expressly covered in the – BDO World Trophy Rules shall be determined by the BDO Board of Directors
- 15.03 Information concerning such interpretations or matters as determined under 15.01 or 15.02 above shall be forwarded to the BDO Board of Directors for consideration and possible inclusion in a revised version of the BDO World Trophy Rules

### 16.00 SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

The terms of BDO Code of Practice No 10 shall apply Please follow link below:

[Social Media Guidelines](#)

### 17.00 MEN'S WORLD DARTS TROPHY CHAMPIONS

Year	Name	Country
2014	James Wilson	England
2015	Geert De Vos	Belgium
2016	Darryl Fitton	England
2017	Peter Machin	Australia
2018	Glen Durrant	England