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The World Darts Federation [WDF] Europe Cup series shall consist of two separate Championships, which are played between teams representing European Full Member Darts Bodies of the World Darts Federation subject to complying with Rule No 13.00 - Definition on Player's Eligibility which is detailed on Page No: 12 of this document.

The seeding procedure for the Europe Cup, and Women's Europe Cup shall be based on the results achieved in the previous respective Cup.

The seeding shall be determined by countries and not by players.

The **WDF Playing Rules for the Sport of Darts** shall apply to all the matches played in the WDF Europe Cup, and the Women's Europe Cup.

## WDF EUROPE CUP

### 1.00 PLAYERS

1.01 Each Europe Cup team shall consist of four persons, eligible to play for their Country, who shall be selected by the respective Full Member Darts Body for that Country, by such method as it may determine.

1.02 All selected players must comply with Rule No 13.00 – Definition on Player's Eligibility which is detailed on Page No: 12 of this document.

### 2.00 EVENTS

2.01 The WDF Europe Cup shall consist of three events namely:  
(a) Singles (b) Pairs (c) Four-Person Team.

### 3.00 SEEDING

3.01 The 'seeding' of seeded countries shall be based on the results of the previous WDF Europe Cup as follows;  
In the Singles, Pairs, and Team events there will be eight (8) seedings allocated in each event. IE: One (1) through eight (8) based on the points obtained in that particular event in the previous Europe Cup.

Group: A ; B ; C ; D ; E ; F ; G ; H.

Seed: 1 ; 8 ; 5 ; 4 ; 2 ; 7; 6 ; 3.

3.02 The allocation of the seedings in the WDF Europe Cup is the responsibility of the WDF Executive, or persons delegated with that responsibility by the WDF Executive.  
The seedings shall not be changed, or amended without the prior authority of the WDF Executive.

3.03 In the event of two or more countries having obtained an equal number of points in an event at the previous WDF Europe Cup the order of seeding for that event shall be decided by the overall number of points obtained by the countries in the Men's Europe Cup. Should decide the issue then the 'toss of a coin' shall decide.

### 3.04 Non-entries

(a) Only countries determined by these criteria shall be seeded.

(b) If a country which would have been seeded under these criteria does not enter a team in the Men's Europe Cup, its place in the bracket systems, or round robin groups shall be allocated to a non-seeded country by means of a regular draw.

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## 4.00 DRAW

4.01 The draw for the order of play shall be conducted in such a way that in the first round of matchplay in the Singles and Pairs events, a country's players shall not be required to meet another country's players more than once.

4.02 The BYES, if any, shall be distributed such that the differential between countries is not greater than one.

4.03 The draw for the WDF Europe Cup is the responsibility of the WDF Executive, and shall be conducted by the person/persons authorised to do so by the WDF Executive.

No unauthorised person shall conduct or change any part of a WDF Europe Cup Draw.

## 5.00 PLAYING FORMAT

### 5.01 SINGLES

The best of seven '7' Legs, each 501 up, with a straight start, and a double or 'bull' to finish.

The Quarter-Finals shall be the best of '9' Legs, Semi-Finals shall be the best of '11' Legs and the Final shall be the best of '13' Legs.

The Match Tie-Breaker Rule shall apply to the seventh, ninth, eleventh, or thirteenth Leg of a match whichever is applicable.

Seeded players of each country shall be entered into their allocated positions in the bracket. In the event of a country being allocated seedings which result in two players from the same country being drawn in the same quarter of the bracket, then the lowest numbered seed shall be moved to a different quarter of the bracket.

The non-seeded players of each country shall be entered into the bracket system by a random draw, such that there is one player in each quarter of the bracket system

The winners of each quarter of the bracket system shall compete in the Semi-Finals, and Final of the Singles event, where the Champion, Runner-Up, and Joint Third positions shall be determined.

### 5.02 PAIRS

The best of seven '7' Legs, each 501 up, with a straight start, and a double or 'bull' to finish.

The Semi-Finals shall be the best of '9' Legs and the Final shall be the best of '11' Legs.

The Match Tie-Breaker Rule shall apply to the seventh, ninth, or eleventh Leg of a match whichever is applicable.

The seeded Pairs of each country shall be entered into their allocated positions in the bracket. In the event of a country being allocated seedings which result in two pairs from the same country being drawn in the same half of the bracket, then the lowest numbered seeded pair shall be moved to the other half of the bracket.

The non-seeded Pairs of each country shall be entered into the bracket system by a random draw, such that there is one Pair in each half of the bracket system.

The winners of each half of the bracket system shall compete in the Semi-Finals, and Final of the Pairs event, where the Champions, Runners-Up, and Joint Third positions shall be determined.

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## 5.03 FOUR-PERSON TEAMS

The best of seventeen '17' Legs, each 501 up, with a straight start, double or 'bull' to finish.

Each team shall be placed into one of four (4) or eight (8) Round-Robin groups.

The non-seeded countries shall be placed in the groups by a random draw so that the groups are as nearly equal in number of teams as possible.

The first and second placed teams of each group shall then compete in a straight Knock-out as follows:

If the number of participating countries is 24 or more then,

Country				Last Sixteen	Quarter Finals	Semi - Finals		Final
_____	Group A	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group G	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group B	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group H	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group C	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group E	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group D	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group F	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group E	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group C	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group F	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group D	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group G	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group A	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group H	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group B	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

If the number of the participating countries is less than 24 then,

Country				Quarter Finals	Semi - Finals		Final
_____	Group A	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group D	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group B	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group C	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group C	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group B	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group D	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Group A	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____

The players of each Team shall be nominated by their country in their required Throwing Order, which must be submitted prior to the Championships.

IE: 1<sup>st</sup> ; 2<sup>nd</sup> ; 3<sup>rd</sup> ; and 4<sup>th</sup> player.

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The Order of Play for a Four-Person Team match shall then be as follows:

Leg No	1	Player	[1]	v	[2]		Leg No	9	Player	[4]	v	[4]		
Leg No	2	Player	[2]	v	[1]		Leg No	10	Player	[1]	v	[1]		
Leg No	3	Player	[3]	v	[4]		Leg No	11	Player	[2]	v	[3]		
Leg No	4	Player	[4]	v	[3]		Leg No	12	Player	[3]	v	[2]		
Leg No	5	Player	[2]	v	[2]		Leg No	13	Player	[1]	v	[3]		
Leg No	6	Player	[1]	v	[4]		Leg No	14	Player	[2]	v	[4]		
Leg No	7	Player	[4]	v	[1]		Leg No	15	Player	[3]	v	[1]		
Leg No	8	Player	[3]	v	[3]		Leg No	16	Player	[4]	v	[2]		

**The Order of Play indicated on the Assignment/Result Sheet cannot be re-arranged.**

## Note

The left-hand column lists the players from the country entered on the left-hand side of the match scorecard so that the first leg of matchplay shall be between Player No 1 of the left-hand country and Player No 2 of the right-hand country.

If at the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> leg, the match is tied at eight '8' legs all, then each country shall nominate one player to contest the 17<sup>th</sup> leg which shall be started under the Match Tie-Breaker Rule. { See Rule 17.00 on Page No 13. }

## 6.00 POINTS ALLOCATION

- 6.01 In each respective event points are allocated to each country for the placings attained by its players.
- 6.02 The country achieving the highest aggregate number of points from the three events shall be declared the **WDF Europe Cup Champions**.
- 6.03 In the event of a 'tie' for first place then those Countries shall be declared **Joint WDF Europe Cup Champions**, and shall share all honours equally.
- 6.04 Points shall only be allocated to teams or players that have attained a placing by winning at least one match.  
IE: If a team or a player attains a placing through a BYE, or the default of the opponent, then there shall be no points awarded for that placing.
- 6.05 In the team event a team must win at least one match to be awarded points.

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## POINTS ALLOCATION Continued .....

6.06 Subject to complying with Clause Nos. 6.04 and 6.05 above the points to be allocated for placings shall be as indicated in the following tables;

<b><u>Singles</u></b>	First	Place	= 28	Points
	Second	Place	= 21	Points
	Joint	Third	= 15	Points
	Joint 5 <sup>th</sup>	to 8 <sup>th</sup>	= 10	Points
	Joint 9 <sup>th</sup>	to 16 <sup>th</sup>	= 6	Points
	Joint 17 <sup>th</sup>	to 32 <sup>nd</sup>	= 3	Points
	Joint 33 <sup>rd</sup>	to 64 <sup>th</sup>	= 1	Point
<b><u>Pairs</u></b>	First	Place	= 42	Points
	Second	Place	= 30	Points
	Joint	Third	= 20	Points
	Joint 5 <sup>th</sup>	to 8 <sup>th</sup>	= 12	Points
	Joint 9 <sup>th</sup>	to 16 <sup>th</sup>	= 6	Points
	Joint 17 <sup>th</sup>	to 32 <sup>nd</sup>	= 2	Points
<b><u>Four- Person Teams</u></b>	First	Place	= 58	Points
	Second	Place	= 38	Points
	Joint	Third	= 22	Points
	Joint 5 <sup>th</sup>	to 8 <sup>th</sup>	= 10	Points
	Joint 9 <sup>th</sup>	to 16 <sup>th</sup>	= 4	Points
	Joint 17 <sup>th</sup>	to 32 <sup>nd</sup>	= 2	Points

In the Four-Person Team event the Winner of Round Robin group matchplay shall be awarded '3' points.

The Runner-up of Round Robin group matchplay shall be awarded '2' points.

In addition all Teams shall be awarded '1' point for each match won in a Round-Robin Group.

In the instance of teams being 'tied' with equal points gained during matchplay within a Round-Robin Group then the comparison of 'legs difference' will be used in order to resolve a 'tie' before using a play-off between those teams.

If the final group placings are not determined by comparing Legs Differences then the result of the actual match between the two Teams in the Round Robin Matchplay shall be used to break the tie.

The 'play-offs' rule relating to a tie between more than two teams remains unchanged.

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## WDF WOMEN'S EUROPE CUP

### 7.00 PLAYERS

7.01 Each Women's Europe Cup team shall consist of two women, eligible to play for their Country, who shall be selected by the respective Full Member Darts Body for that Country, by such method as it may determine.

7.02 All selected players must comply with Rule No 13.00 Definition on Player's Eligibility which is detailed on Page No: 12 of this document.

### 8.00 EVENTS

8.01 The Women's Europe Cup shall consist of two events namely: (a) Singles (b) Pairs.

### 9.00 SEEDING

9.01 The 'seeding' of seeded countries shall be based on the results of the previous WDF Europe Cup as follows;

#### **Singles: Pairs:**

There will be eight (8) seedings allocated in each event, one (1) through eight (8) based on the points obtained in that particular event in the previous Women's Europe Cup.

The eight (8) seeded countries shall be placed in the bracket system as indicated below:

Group: A ; B ; C ; D ; E ; F ; G ; H.

Seed: 1 ; 8 ; 5 ; 4 ; 2 ; 7 ; 6 ; 3.

9.02 The allocation of seedings for the events in the WDF Europe Cup is the responsibility of the WDF Executive. The seedings shall not be changed, or amended without the prior authority of the WDF Executive.

9.03 In the instance of two or more countries having obtained an equal number of points in an event at the previous Women's Europe Cup the order of Seeding for that event shall be decided by the overall number of points obtained by those countries in the previous Women's Europe Cup. Should this not decide the issue then the 'toss of a coin' shall decide.

9.04 Non Entries

(a) Only countries determined by these criteria shall be seeded.

(b) If a country normally seeded under these criteria does not enter a team in the Women's Europe Cup, its place in the bracket systems, or round-robin groups shall be allocated to a non-seeded country by means of a regular draw.

### 10.00 DRAW

10.01 The draw for the order of play shall be conducted in such a way that in the first round of matchplay in the Singles and Pairs events, a country's players shall not be required to meet another country's players more than once.

10.02 The BYES, if any, shall be distributed, where possible, such that the differential between countries is not greater than one.

10.03 The draw for the WDF Europe Cup is the responsibility of the WDF Executive, and shall only be conducted by the person/persons authorised to do so by the WDF Executive.

No unauthorised person shall conduct or change any part of a WDF Europe Cup draw.

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## **11.00 PLAYING FORMAT**

### **11.01 SINGLES**

The best of seven '7' Legs, each 501 up, with a straight start, and a double or 'bull' to finish.

The Quarter-Finals shall be the best of '9' Legs, Semi-Finals shall be the best of '11' Legs and the Final shall be the best of '13' Legs.

The Match Tie-Breaker Rule shall apply to the seventh, ninth, eleventh, or thirteenth Leg of a Match whichever is applicable.

Seeded players of each country shall be entered into their allocated positions in the bracket.

In the event of a country being allocated seedings which result in two players from the same country being drawn in the same half of the bracket, then the lowest numbered seed shall be moved to the other half of the bracket.

The non-seeded players of each country shall be entered into the bracket system by a random draw, such that there is one player in each half of the bracket system.

The winners of each half of the bracket system shall compete in the Semi-Finals, and Final of the Singles event, where the Champion, Runner-Up, and Joint Third positions shall be determined.

### **11.02 PAIRS**

The best of seven '7' Legs, each 501 up, with a straight start, and a double or 'bull' to finish.

The Semi-Finals shall be the best of '9' Legs and the Final shall be the best of '11' Legs.

The Match Tie-Breaker Rule shall apply to the seventh, ninth, eleventh Leg of a match whichever is applicable.

Each Pairs team shall be placed into one of eight (8) Round-Robin groups.

The non-seeded countries shall be placed in the groups by a random draw, so that the groups are as nearly equal in number of teams as possible.

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The first and second placed teams of each group shall then compete in a straight Knock-out as follows;

If the number of participating countries is 24, or more then:

Country				Last Sixteen	Quarter Finals	Semi - Finals	Final
	Group A	-	1 <sup>st</sup>				
	Group G	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
	Group B	-	1 <sup>st</sup>				
	Group H	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
	Group C	-	1 <sup>st</sup>				
	Group E	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
	Group D	-	1 <sup>st</sup>				
	Group F	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
	Group E	-	1 <sup>st</sup>				
	Group C	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
	Group F	-	1 <sup>st</sup>				
	Group D	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
	Group G	-	1 <sup>st</sup>				
	Group A	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
	Group H	-	1 <sup>st</sup>				
	Group B	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>				

If the number of the participating countries is less than 24 then:

Country				Quarter Finals	Semi - Finals	Final
	Group A	-	1 <sup>st</sup>			
	Group D	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	Group B	-	1 <sup>st</sup>			
	Group C	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	Group C	-	1 <sup>st</sup>			
	Group B	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	Group D	-	1 <sup>st</sup>			
	Group A	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>			

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## 12.00 POINTS ALLOCATION

- 12.01 In each respective event points are allocated to each country for the placings attained by its players.
- 12.02 The country achieving the highest aggregate number of points from the three events shall be declared the **Women's Europe Cup Champions**.
- 12.03 In the event of a 'tie' for first place then those Countries shall be declared **Joint WDF Women's Europe Cup Champions**, and shall share all honours equally.
- 12.04 Points shall only be allocated to teams or players that have attained a placing by winning at least one match.  
IE: If a team or a player attains a placing through a BYE, or the default of the opponent, then there shall be **NO** points awarded for that placing.
- 12.05 Subject to complying with Clause Nos. 12.03 and 12.04 above the points to be allocated for placings shall be as indicated in the following tables:

<b><u>Singles</u></b>	First	Place	= 21	Points
	Second	Place	= 15	Points
	Joint	Third	= 10	Points
	Joint 5 <sup>th</sup>	to 8 <sup>th</sup>	= 6	Points
	Joint 9 <sup>th</sup>	to 16 <sup>th</sup>	= 3	Points
	Joint 17 <sup>th</sup>	to 32 <sup>nd</sup>	= 1	Point
<b><u>Pairs</u></b>	First	Place	= 28	Points
	Second	Place	= 18	Points
	Joint	Third	= 10	Points
	Joint 5 <sup>th</sup>	to 8 <sup>th</sup>	= 6	Points
	Joint 9 <sup>th</sup>	to 16 <sup>th</sup>	= 2	Points

In the Women's Pairs event the Winner of Round Robin group matchplay shall be awarded '3' points.

The Runner-up of Round Robin group matchplay shall be awarded '2' points.

In addition all Teams shall be awarded '1' point for each match won in a Round-Robin Group.

In the instance of teams being 'tied' with equal points gained during matchplay within a Round-Robin Group then the comparison of 'legs difference' will be used in order to resolve a 'tie' before using a play-off between those teams.

If the final group placings are not determined by comparing Legs Differences then the result of the actual match between the two Teams in the Round Robin Matchplay shall be used to break the tie.

The 'play-offs' rule relating to a tie between more than two teams remains unchanged.

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## GENERAL RULES

### 13.00 DEFINITION ON PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY – WDF BYE-LAW No: 7.05

In addition to complying with the terms of WDF Bye-Law 2.01 to establish themselves as 'playing members' all participants must also meet the following conditions;

- 13.01 To play for a WDF Member Darts Body in an official WDF Cup, a person must have resided within the national entity represented by that WDF Member Darts Body for at least three (3) years immediately prior to the date of the Cup in question.
- 13.02 In the case where two or more WDF Member Darts Bodies are situated within one national entity, the above requirement shall be interpreted as residence in the national entity.
- 13.03 A WDF Member Darts Body may impose additional eligibility requirements for its players.
- 13.04 A person, eligible to play for a WDF Member Darts Body, who moves from the country represented by that WDF Member Darts Body, shall remain eligible to play for that WDF Member Darts Body until such time as he or she meets the Eligibility requirements of another WDF Member Darts Body.
- 13.05 Any person who has played for a Member Darts Body in an official WDF Cup shall not play for another Member Darts Body in an official WDF Cup earlier than the third calendar year after the last year in which he or she played for the former Member Darts Body.
- 13.06 In the course of the twelve months prior to the scheduled date of a WDF World Cup or Area Cup a WDF Playing Member must have played at least 65% of their International Singles Events in tournaments which are recognised in the WDF World Ranking Systems as well as International singles events promoted/organized between Member Darts Bodies and recognised by the World Darts Federation.

IE: Events such as, but not limited to, the 6 Nations Cup, Baltic Cup, Celtic Cup, Mediterranean Cup, Nordic Cup, and the Spring Cup.

NOTE 1: This rule shall not apply to youth players.

NOTE 2: Additional clarification is available in the WDF Bye-Laws document.

- 13.07 It is the responsibility of the officials of a player's respective WDF Member Darts Body to check and properly verify the eligibility of a player to represent that darts body in a WDF World Cup or Area Cup.
- 13.08 In the instance of a dispute arising in regard to Clause 7.05, the context shall be put to the WDF Executive for a ruling which shall be final and binding.

### 14.00 SEEDING

- 14.01 **Ties** - If there are ties in the total points attained by seeded countries the following criteria shall apply;

(a) If the inclusion of all tied countries in the seeding will not increase the total number of seeded countries then there shall be a random draw for the order of the tied countries in the seeding.

EG: If there is a tie for fifth place by two countries, then there will be a draw to determine which country shall be number five and which number six.

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In the instance of a 'tie' a draw shall be used to determine the order of seeding in the Teams, Pairs, and Singles events.

- (b) If the inclusion of all tied countries in the seeding will increase the total number of seeded countries, then none of the tied countries shall be seeded, this criteria shall be considered separately for each event.

EG: If there is a tie for eighth place in the Europe Cup then none of the tied countries shall be seeded, but the tied countries would be seeded for the Pairs and Singles events with a draw for the order of seeding as in criteria (a) above.

## 14.02 **Non-entries**

(a) Only countries determined by these criteria shall be seeded.

- (b) If a country normally seeded under these criteria does not enter a team in the Europe Cup, or the Women's Europe Cup, its place in the bracket systems, or round-robin groups shall be allocated to a non-seeded country by means of a regular draw.

## 15.00 **THROWING ORDER**

15.01 The winner of the toss, or draw, shall throw first in the first leg, and alternate legs thereafter.

15.02 In the Teams and Pairs events the countries shall designate the order of throw of the players, which shall not be changed during the events.

15.03 The designated Team line-up submitted prior to a WDF Championship can not be re-arranged.

15.04 It is the team managers collective responsibility to verify that the printed match result sheets have been correctly produced prior to starting the match in question.

15.05 The team that has thrown in the wrong throwing order, due to an error on the part of the player, or a team manager, shall forfeit that leg to the opposing team.

## 16.00 **PRACTICE**

16.01 Each player is entitled to six '6' practice darts at the assigned match board prior to a match. No other practice darts may be thrown during the match without the permission of the match referee.

The only exception to this rule occurs in the Four-Person Team event when players are scheduled to play in the 5<sup>th</sup>, and up to the 17<sup>th</sup> legs, when each player shall only be entitled to three '3' practice darts prior to throwing in those legs.

16.02 No practice shall be allowed on unassigned match boards after an event has started.

16.03 Practice boards shall be provided for the exclusive use of the players.

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## 17.00 MATCH TIE-BREAKER RULE

17.01 In the instance of a tie in an event the Singles player, or a Pairs team, or a nominated Player in a Four-Person Team shall contest the Match Tie Break leg.

Singles: This rule shall apply in the seventh, ninth, eleventh, or thirteenth leg depending on the round of matchplay in the Singles event.

Pairs: This rule shall apply in the seventh, ninth, or eleventh leg depending on the round of Matchplay in the Pairs event.

Team: This rule shall apply in the seventeenth leg of the Four-Person Team event.

17.02 The Singles players, or a nominated player in the Pairs, or Four-Person Team shall throw for the Bull to decide which player shall throw first in the Match Tie-Break leg.

17.03 The original winner of the Toss, or draw shall throw first for the Bull, each player in his turn shall continue throwing until a dart has hit and has remained in the face of the dartboard.

17.04 If that dart is in the '25' bed, or the '50' bed, then the player shall remove that dart before the other player throws.

17.05 The referee shall award the first throw of the Match Tie-break leg to whichever of the players has thrown nearest to the Bull.

17.06 If both darts are in the '25' bed, or the '50' bed, or the darts thrown are adjudged by the referee to be equal in distance to the Bull then the players will be requested to throw again, in reverse order, to obtain a decision.

## 18.00 ROUND-ROBIN GROUP TIE-BREAKER

18.01 Each Four-Person Team, and Women's Pairs team will be allocated '1' Championship point for every match won during Round-Robin matchplay, this will recognise the successes of the teams that do not progress further than their Round-Robin Group.

18.02 In the instance of teams being 'tied' with equal points gained during matchplay within a Round-Robin Group then the comparison of 'legs difference' will be used in order to resolve a 'tie'.

If the final group placings are not determined by comparing Legs Differences then the result of the actual match between the two Teams in the Round Robin Matchplay shall be used to break the tie.

18.03 The 'play-offs' rule relating to a tie between more than two teams remains unchanged.

### 18.04 Players

(a) In the Four-Person Team event each 'tied' team shall nominate a player to play in the Tie-Breaker.

(b) In the Women's Pairs team event the Pairs team shall play.

### 18.05 Matches

In a three way 'Tie' all three players/teams shall play on one board, 501 up, with the first player/team to win two '2' clear legs being declared the winner of the Tie-Breaker.

18.05 In order to determine which player/team shall throw first they will participate in a bull-shoot. In a three-way 'Tie' the bull-shoot shall determine the sequence of the throwing order; 1; 2; 3; for the first leg.

The throwing order for the second leg shall be; 2; 3; 1; and for the third leg it shall be; 3; 1; 2. In the fourth and final leg it shall be 1; 2; 3.

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## **19.00 SUBSTITUTIONS**

19.01 Team members from one up to the whole team may be changed prior to a WDF Europe Cup, and up until the time when a player or team shall be required to throw the first dart in any event in the Europe Cup.

On arrival in the 'host' country Team Managers must advise the organisers of any team changes, and by no later than the reception ceremony, - this will allow for amendments to be introduced prior to the start of the tournament.

19.02 In the Pairs and Team events if a player is unable to continue for a 'bona-fide' reason, then one substitution shall be allowable, but only at the start of a match and only by an individual that has not already played in the WDF Europe Cup.

## **20.00 TEAM MANAGERS MEETINGS**

20.01 Prior to a WDF Europe Cup the 'host' country will stage a meeting with all Team Managers to ensure that all items requiring their co-operation during the running of the tournament are clearly understood by every one involved.

If available at the tournament in question a WDF Executive shall be in attendance at the same meeting.

## **21.00 APPLICATIONS**

21.01 An application to 'host' WDF Europe Cup must be made in writing by an accredited WDF Member Darts Body at least (2) two years prior to the date of the tournament.

21.02 The WDF approval of an application may not be given for a tournament scheduled on a date which is more than four (4) years in advance of the date of the application being heard.

21.03 An official 'hosting' application form is available for download on the WDF website.

## **22.00 COMPLIANCE WITH WDF ANTI-DOPING RULES**

22.01 All players and officials shall comply with the requirements laid down in the WDF Code of Practice on Anti-Doping.

## **23.00 REVISION NOTES**

The fifth revision introduces the following amendment;

The original wording of Rule No 13.00 has been deleted and replaced with the amended version of WDF Bye-Law No 7.05 which was adopted in the WDF General Meeting held in Castle Bar, Republic of Ireland on Tuesday 20th September 2011.

References to participants required compliance with Rule No 13.00 have been amended accordingly