

# WORLD DARTS FEDERATION ~ WORLD SENIOR RANKING SYSTEMS



## WORLD RANKING SYSTEMS CRITERIA

### SENIORS ~ Men & Women

Thirty-second revised edition



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## FOREWORD

Two World Ranking Tables, one for Men, and one for Women, will be issued annually in January, based on the points obtained in the preceding calendar year.

### 1.00 PLAYERS AND POINTS

- 1.01 To be included in the WDF Ranking Tables a player must, at the time of issue, be an eligible Playing Member of a WDF Member Darts Body. IE: to have complied with WDF Bye-Law No: 7.05 – Playing Member. { See Appendix One of this document for reference. }
- 1.02 It is the responsibility of the Member Darts Body that is promoting, or organising a Tournament to notify the Secretary-General of any players that do not meet the requirements in Clause No 1.01 above.
- 1.03 A player's Ranking shall be determined by the sum of points obtained from WDF Ranked darts events. Points are only awarded to players winning at least one match in any respective event, unless specified otherwise.
- 1.04 A WDF Member Darts Body may submit to the Secretary-General by the end of December in each year a list of players, resident in the country represented by the Member Darts Body, who have been given a disciplinary suspension during that year, with the date of enforcement and the period of the suspension.
- 1.05 A player who is so listed as being under suspension shall not receive any Ranking Points for any tournaments staged during the period of the player's suspension.
- 1.06 Suspended players are not eligible to enter into any WDF Ranked Tournaments, that are organised, or promoted by a WDF Member Darts Body.
- 1.07 The WDF Executive reserve the right to exclude from the WDF Ranking Tables any player who has, in the opinion of the WDF Executive, performed acts which are detrimental to the WDF, an official Tournament, or the Sport of Darts.

### 2.00 RANKED EVENTS

- 2.01 Events to be directly included in the WDF Ranking Systems are the 'Singles' events in the WDF World Cup, and the Women's World Cup, the 'Singles' events in the WDF Area Cups such as the Americas Cup, the Asia/Pacific Cup, the Europe Cup, and Individual events such as the World Masters, World Professional Championships and the Zuiderduin Masters.
- 2.02 In addition the darts tournaments promoted, or organised by WDF Member Darts Bodies may also be ranked, providing that they comply with the following guidelines;
  - (a) Only 'Singles' darts tournaments, or 'Singles' events of tournaments shall be ranked.
  - (b) A darts event must be 'Open' to the playing members of all WDF Member Darts Bodies providing that they meet the eligibility requirements of the event in question.
- 2.03 With the exception of the darts Tournaments directly included in the WDF Ranking Systems, a WDF Member Darts Body whose membership status is higher than the minimum level may apply for WDF Ranked status for up to 6 Men's and 6 Women's darts events subject to the payment of the annual WDF Sanctioning Fee of 50 US\$ per event on or before 15<sup>th</sup> January in each year.
- 2.04 Each Ranked event will be categorised by the WDF Executive depending on several factors including the number of entries, prize money paid out, television/media coverage.

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## 2.00 RANKED EVENTS Continued ....

- 2.05 The status of each event will be reviewed after the receipt of the respective Tournament Return when the category of the event will be assessed and adjusted if appropriate by the WDF Executive.
- 2.06 In addition to the above, the WDF Executive is empowered to include other Tournaments in the WDF Ranking Systems if it is determined that their importance deserves inclusion.
- 2.07 The entry forms/brochures for all WDF Ranked darts events shall include details of prize money awarded for each nominated placing. It is the Promoter's responsibility to guarantee the payment of all prize money on offer. Failure to do so will result in Ranking status being removed from the event in the following year.
- 2.08 The host WDF Member Darts Body must send notification of the Tournament to every other WDF Member Darts Body, and the WDF Sports Administrator at least six weeks before the date of the Tournament, which shall include all details for proper entry.
- 2.09 The Tournament must be played under the WDF Playing Rules, but the host Member Darts Body shall have discretionary power to add to the WDF Playing Rules for application in its particular country.
- 2.10 Completed Event Returns Forms must be submitted to the WDF Sports Administrator, within "24" hours preferably by e-mail using the Interactive Report Form in the 'Officials Area' on the WDF Website. {See Specimen copy on < <http://www.dartswdf.com> >}
- 2.11 An annual WDF Sanctioning Fee of 50 US\$ for each Men's and Women's Singles event is payable on or before 15<sup>th</sup> January in addition to the WDF Annual Membership Subscription.
- WDF Ranking Points may be withheld if both of these Fees are not paid on or before 15<sup>th</sup> January in each year.  
A listing of 'sanctioned' events will be issued on 1<sup>st</sup> December in each year.
- 2.12 As and from **1<sup>st</sup> January 2011**, a WDF Player Levy (equivalent to **US\$2.00**) must be added to the Entry Fee for ALL Men's / Women's Singles events, in WDF Ranked tournaments.
- This levy is to be paid by the Player, and is in addition to the annual WDF Sanctioning Fee which is paid by the host Member Body.
- The total Player Levy must be remitted to the WDF Financial Director not less than '14' days after completion of the respective tournament.
- 2.13 The Tournament must be promoted, or organised by a WDF Member Darts Body, or its appointed Organisers, providing that they are an integral part of the host WDF Member Darts Body.
- 2.14 A WDF Member Darts Body without previous recognised Tournament experience must have successfully staged a Tournament at least once before being considered for inclusion in the WDF Ranking Systems.
- 2.15 WDF Member Darts Bodies shall attempt to schedule WDF Ranked Tournaments so as not to conflict with WDF Ranked Tournaments staged by other WDF Member Darts Bodies, especially those occurring within the same geographical area.
- 2.16 The WDF Executive reserves the right to exclude any darts event from the WDF Ranking Systems, even though the event may have previously been 'ranked', and may still satisfy the Guidelines set out above.

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## 3.00 PLAYING FORMATS

The Playing Format for any 'Ranked' darts event must comply with the following conditions;

- (a) Each match played in a 'Singles' event must be a multiple of a minimum of 501 up.
- (b) The Final of a 'Ranked' darts event must be played-off in a suitable area, away from the general playing area.

## 4.00 Notes on Points Allocation

- (1) In WDF Ranked events where 'seeded' players are introduced into the closing stages of an event then the following conditions will apply:
  - (a) Seeded players must win a match before any points can be allocated to them.
  - (b) Seeded players that are awarded points shall receive 75% of those points normally allocated to the placing that has been attained.
- (2) Any player that takes part in more than ONE WDF Regional Cup event in one year will only be allocated Ranking Points from the event in which the player attained the highest number of points.
- (3) The WDF Executive reserve the right to exclude, for good cause, any Tournament from the WDF Ranking Systems Criteria.
- (4) The lists of 'Ranked' darts events for Men and Women respectively are posted on the WDF website.

## 5.00 AWARDS

5.01 The WDF Executive may award monetary prizes to the top five players in both the Men's and Women's WDF Ranking Systems at 31<sup>st</sup> December in each year in accordance with the following table;

PLACINGS	MEN	WOMEN
First Player	2000 US \$	2000 US \$
Second Player	1500 US \$	1500 US \$
Third Player	1000 US \$	1000 US \$
Fourth Player	800 US \$	800 US \$
Fifth Player	600 US \$	600 US \$

5.02 If level on points the prize money shall be divided equally between the respective players.

5.03 No player shall have the express right to receive such prize money and the Executive may, for good cause, exclude a player from the Awards.

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## 5.00 AWARDS Continued .....

5.04 In addition to the revised monetary prizes listed in 5.01 above the WDF Executive may provide awards to the top three players (Men and Women) from the current recognised Areas of the WDF that have not achieved a top five placing in the overall tables.

Placing	Asia/Pacific Area	Americas Area	Europe Area
First	500 US \$	500 US \$	500 US \$
Second	300 US \$	300 US \$	300 US \$
Third	200 US \$	200 US \$	200 US \$

## 6.00 REVISION NOTES

In the thirty-second revision the following amendments have been included;

1. The list of categorised Open events has been removed from this document – in future as the details of each event are added to the WDF Calendar the appropriate category allocation will also be included.
2. Revised definitions for 'Playing Members' and 'Player's Eligibility' have been added into Appendix One following the adoption of Executive Recommendations in the WDF General Meeting held on Tuesday 20th September 2011 in Castle Bar, County Mayo, Republic of Ireland.

## REMINDER

The Appendices listing WDF Ranked Events (Men and Women), the Roll of Honour listing the Annual Awards that have been made, and the Interactive Event Returns Form are posted on the WDF website for reference and information.

These documents have also been amended and/or updated to reflect the changes in membership of the WDF that have occurred during the last period of office.

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## 7.00 POINTS ALLOCATIONS – Men’s & Women’s Tables 2012

All WDF Ranked Events will be categorised each year by the WDF Executive.

The primary factor used to determine the category of each event is the number of entries from the previous event. Other factors such as prize money on offer and television coverage may also be taken into account.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 Men’s and Women’s Singles events will be categorised separately.

For example the Arctic Open Men’s Singles may be Category 1 but the Women’s event may be Category 3.

The division of categories has become necessary due to the vast differences in the number of entries received at some events.

The Category of each event will be clearly indicated in the WDF Calendar of Ranked Events.

### CATEGORIES AND POINTS ALLOCATIONS

Category	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joint 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joint 5 <sup>th</sup>	Joint 9 <sup>th</sup>	Joint 17 <sup>th</sup>	Joint 33 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Major</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6*</b>	

#### Notes for guidance.

Category 1 Events: Points are normally awarded to 32 Men and 32 Women.

Category 1 Events: Points for Jt.33<sup>rd</sup> are awarded if entries exceed 511 Men/255 Women.

Category 2 Events: Points are normally awarded to 16 Men and 16 Women.

Category 2 Events: Points for Jt.17<sup>th</sup> place are only awarded if entries exceed 255 Men/127 Women.

Category 3 Events: Points are normally awarded to 16 Men and 16 Women.

Category 3 Events: Points for Jt.17<sup>th</sup> are awarded if entries exceed 127 Men.

Category 3 Events: Points are awarded to 8 Men/8 Women if entries less than 64 Men/32Women.

Category 3 Events: Points only awarded to 8 Men and 4 Women if entries are less than 48 Men/24 Women.

Category 3 Events: Minimum participation of 32 Men/16 Women required for allocation of ranking points.

Category 3 Events: \* Denotes the points available for Men’s events only.

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## APPENDIX ONE

### DEFINITION OF A PLAYING MEMBER – WDF Bye-law No: 2.01

#### 2.01 WDF Definition of a Playing Member

- (a) A Playing Member is a player who is currently registered as a member in a darts body which is a full member of the World Darts Federation.
- (b) A Playing Member is a player who agrees to abide by the Constitution, Playing Rules, and Bye-Laws of the World Darts Federation.
- (c) No person can be a 'playing member' of more than one WDF Member Darts Body.
- (d) A player that has been given a disciplinary suspension by the WDF Member Darts Body of his or her country of residence shall not be considered to be a 'playing member' of that WDF Member Darts Body during the term of the suspension.

Reciprocal support requirements in regard to Disciplinary Suspensions by WDF Member Darts Bodies are set out in detail in Clause 11.00 of the current WDF Code of Practice on Disciplinary Proceedings.

### DEFINITION ON PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY – WDF Bye-Law No: 7.05

#### WDF World Cup and Area Cups

In addition to complying with the terms of WDF Bye-Law No: 2.01 to establish themselves as 'playing members' all participants must also meet the following conditions;

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. A WDF Member Darts Body may impose additional eligibility requirements for its players.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 also recognised by the World Darts Federation.

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

**NOTE: This rule shall not apply to Youth players.**

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### CLARIFICATION:

*An international Event is an event which is open to WDF Playing Members from more than one country. An international event may be promoted or organised by a WDF Member Darts Body or an organisation which is not affiliated to the WDF.*

*Soft Tip darts events are not included, as they are considered to be a game, not a recognised sport.*

*It is not a requirement that a player must play in International events in order to be eligible to play in a WDF World Cup or WDF Area Cup.*

*Players who do participate in international events must meet the following requirement to be eligible to play in a WDF Cup.*

*During the twelve months prior to the scheduled date of a WDF Cup the WDF requires that a player must have played in at least twice as many international single events which are **sanctioned by the WDF** (e.g. events recognised in the WDF Ranking System and International singles events between Member Darts Bodies which are recognised by the World Darts Federation [i.e. events such as, but not limited to, the 6 Nations Cup, Baltic Cup, Celtic Cup, Mediterranean Cup, Nordic Cup, the Spring Cup etc.]) when compared with international events organised, sanctioned or promoted by darts bodies which are not affiliated to the WDF.*

7. 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.
8. In the instance of a dispute arising in regard to WDF Bye-Law No: 7.05, the context shall be put to the WDF Executive for a ruling which shall be final and binding.