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WORLD RANKING SYSTEMS CRITERIA

SENIORS ~ Men & Women

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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 If a WDF Member Darts Body wishes to apply an "International" suspension to an Internally suspended player, that Member Darts Body must inform the WDF Secretary General immediately. The WDF Secretary General must be given the starting and ending dates of the suspension. This will enable the information to be distributed to all Member Darts Bodies promptly.
- 1.05 Suspended players are not eligible to enter into any WDF Ranked Tournaments, which are organised, or promoted by a WDF Member Darts Body or their approved organisers.
- 1.06 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 provided 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 European 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. A WDF Member Darts Body outside Europe may apply for 12 Men's and 12 Women's darts events.

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2.00 RANKED EVENTS Continued

2.04 All WDF Ranked Events must be applied for using the online registration system at this link: <http://www.dartswdf.com/tournament-applications/>

Complete all boxes, ticking the correct boxes for Men's, Women's, and Youth's events. Complete one form for each event, IE: for 3 events you must fill out the form 3 times.

NOTE: members applying for ranked event status who are not in good financial standing with the WDF will receive an email confirmation of receipt but will later be advised that applications from non-financial members cannot be accepted.

2.05 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.

2.06 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.

2.07 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.

2.08 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.

2.09 The Organisers of WDF Ranked Events shall prepare invitations to participate in an event and shall send copies to the WDF Sports Administrator for inclusion in the WDF Calendar of International events at least eight (8) weeks before the start of the event. The Invitation form/flyer must include full information and instructions to enter the event.

2.10 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.

2.11 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> }

2.12 A listing of 'sanctioned' events will be issued on 1st December in each year.

2.13 As and from **1st 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.

2.14 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.

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2.00 RANKED EVENTS Continued

- 2.15 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.
- 2.16 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.
- 2.17 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.

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 POINTS ALLOCATIONS – Men's & Women's Tables 2016

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 1st January 2012 Men's and Women's Singles events have been 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 st	2 nd	Jt. 3 rd	Jt. 5 th	Jt. 9 th	Jt. 17 th	Jt. 33 rd	Jt. 65 th
Major	180	120	100	60	30	15	8	4
1	150	100	80	48	24	12	6	-
2	120	80	60	36	18	9	4	-
3	90	60	40	24	12	6	-	-
Minimum entries	-	8	16*	32	64	128	256	512

Related to WDF Executive decision WDF Tables page <http://www.dartswdf.com/tables/>

The points allocation discrepancy that was discovered was a logical error, not a mathematical error so the points change could not be implemented during the playing year of the current rules being applied. With this considered, the points for the 2016 playing year are being awarded as per the current World Senior Ranking Systems document in effect. (Rules will be updated for year 2017)

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Notes on Points Allocation

All Players must win a match before points can be allocated to them.

* In the Lakeside Women's World Professional a (Category M) event, and the Finder Masters a (Category 3) event, points will only be awarded to the four best players.

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) In WDF Ranked events where 'seeded' players are introduced into the closing stages of an event then the 'seeded' players that are awarded points shall receive 75% of those points normally allocated to the placing that has been attained.

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.

The WDF Executive reserves the right to exclude, for good cause, any Tournament from the WDF Ranking Systems Criteria.

The complete lists of 'WDF Ranked' darts events for Men and Women respectively are available 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 31st 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.

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.

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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 Questions and Enquiries

For WDF Rules and Regulations: <http://www.dartswdf.com/rules-and-regulations/>

For WDF Calendar of International events: <http://www.dartswdf.com/calendar/>

For WDF Ranking System Tables: <http://www.dartswdf.com/tables/>

All questions/enquiries concerning the implementation of the WDF World Ranking Systems Criteria and the allocation of points to sanctioned events should be addressed directly to the WDF Sports Administrator.

All questions/enquiries concerning individual sanctioned events should be addressed to the respective tournament organisers, and not to the WDF.

The WDF shall not be held responsible for the accuracy or lack of information made available in the WDF Calendar of Events.

7.00 REVISION NOTES

In the thirty-sixth revised edition Clause 2.03 has been amended to allow WDF Member Darts Bodies outside Europe to increase the number of possible sanctioned events from 6 to 12 in both the Men's and Women's Ranking Systems.

Note: Clause 6.00 provides links to other sources of WDF information.

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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.

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NOTE: This rule shall not apply to Youth players.

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.