

World Darts Federation

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Dear WDF members,

The WDF announces that effective immediately, the WDF will not recognize BDO operated tournaments. Tournaments that are WDF Ranked by member countries and also carry BDO Ranking are not affected by this announcement.

With the breach of rules (including WDF playing rule 11.01 and BDO rankings system rule 5.04) at the recent BDO World Masters, the WDF Executive has concluded that we cannot be a part of or support such activities and does not endorse the actions of the BDO.

With rule changes as well as draw changes during their competition there is opportunity for alleged violations to be construed as match fixing. This situation could place our member country organizations and their players in a compromising position. The WDF refuses to be associated with such actions.

With the WDF moving forward in its quest for IOC recognition, this necessitated a complete review of our governance documents. Under this review it established that the England Darts Organization became the representative of England in the WDF in 2007. The BDO represented England within the WDF prior to 2007.

The official representatives of Great Britain currently within the WDF are the Welsh Darts Organisation, Scottish Darts Association and the aforementioned England Darts Organisation.

The BDO does not represent a "country" and therefore falls out of the parameters being of a full WDF member. This situation technically moves the BDO to the status of Associate Member as per the WDF Constitution 4.05.

An Associate Member is an association with ties to sport of darts that is not a national governing body for darts within a country. These may include not-for-profit or professional organisations that provide services to sport of darts or which represent particular darts organisations.

The WDF would like to clarify to our members that the BDO's announcement (29th November 2019) of an "introduction of affiliation fees" for the BDO invitational ranking table system is not WDF endorsed and is independent of any current or future membership remuneration paid to the WDF.

No sanctions will be enforced by the WDF on any member country that supports the BDO ranking system and their tournaments. We, as the world's official governing body will continue to promote a "darts for all" policy.

We are currently developing a global circuit that will provide opportunities for all WDF players to qualify for WDF major events, through our own ranking systems.

Further information on this will be announced as it becomes available.

Best Regards,

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