

# WORLD DARTS FEDERATION

## WORLD RANKING SYSTEMS CRITERIA

### Seniors – Men & Women

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## GENERAL

These rules are not comprehensive and must, at all times, be read in conjunction with the WDF Playing and Tournament Rules and Bye-Laws (<https://www.dartswdf.com/rules/>).

### 1. WDF CALENDAR

A list of all sanctioned WDF Ranked Tournaments can be found on the WDF website by visiting <https://www.dartswdf.com/calendar>.

### 2. WDF RANKED TOURNAMENTS

- 2.01 Dart's tournaments promoted, or organised by WDF Member Bodies may be ranked, providing that they comply with the following guidelines:
- 2.02 Only 'singles' darts tournaments, or 'singles' events of tournaments shall be ranked.
- 2.03 WDF Member Darts Bodies must offer both Men's and Women's Ranked Tournaments at any WDF Sanctioned Event.
- 2.04 All WDF Ranked Tournaments 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 (see WDF Bye-Law 2.01 - <https://www.dartswdf.com/rules/>).
- 2.05 Current PDC Tour Card holders cannot take part in any WDF Ranked Tournaments.
- 2.06 Only WDF Member Darts Bodies may apply for WDF Ranked Tournaments.
- 2.07 In any calendar all Member Darts Bodies may apply for a maximum of sixteen WDF Ranking Tournaments with no more than two Men's and two Women's Ranking Tournaments at each Sanctioned Event:
- 2.08 All WDF Ranked Tournaments must be promoted and organised by a WDF Member Darts Body or its agreed appointed organisers, providing that they are an integral part of the WDF Member Darts Body.
- 2.09 The WDF Executive will assess each application for a WDF Ranked Tournament on its merits and reserve the right to include or exclude any tournament in the WDF Ranking Systems Criteria.

### 3. RANKING CRITERIA

- 3.01 Men's and Women's tournaments with the same name, taking place within the same Sanctioned Event shall be equally graded.
- 3.02 Member Darts Bodies that host one WDF Ranked Tournament as part of a Sanctioned Event shall be awarded Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze grading.
- 3.03 For Member Darts Bodies that select to host two WDF Ranked Tournaments as a part of a Sanctioned Event, tournaments shall be graded as follows:
  - Gold and Silver
  - Both Silver
  - Silver and Bronze
  - Both Bronze

#### 4. TOURNAMENT APPLICATIONS AND GRADING

- 4.01 Applications for tournament dates and grading should be made by the Principal Contact completing the following form <https://forms.gle/E8qv5Cg2kRLBWHWL9>.
- 4.02 Member Darts Bodies should complete Tournament Application forms no later than three months before tournaments are scheduled to take place.
- 4.03 Tournament Applications must contain requested tournament dates.
- 4.04 If known, Tournament Applications should contain full prize money (men/women combined).
- 4.05 Tournament organisers must provide full prize money information (men and women combined), no later than three months before tournaments are scheduled to take place.
- 4.06 Tournament Applications will be reviewed, and Member Countries informed of confirmed dates within twenty-one days of receipt of the Tournament Application form.
- 4.07 Gold/Silver/Bronze grading shall be based on the levels of prize money, (men and women combined), detailed in the table below, but shall be at the discretion of the WDF

Region	Bronze Max	Silver Min	Silver Max	Gold Min
Africa/West Asia	5,000 USD	5,250 USD	10,000 USD	10,500 USD
Asia	5,000 USD	5,250 USD	10,000 USD	10,500 USD
Australia	7,500 AUD	7,750 AUD	15,000 AUD	15,500 AUD
Canada	6,750 CAN	7,000 CAN	13,500 CAN	14,000 CAN
Europe	7,500 EUR	8,000 EUR	15,000 EUR	16,000 EUR
New Zealand	8,000 NZD	8,250 NZD	16,250 NZD	16,750 NZD
UK&I	6,750 GBP	7,000 GBP	13,500 GBP	14,000 GBP
USA	5,000 USD	5,250 USD	10,000 USD	10,500 USD

**Calculations will be reviewed at the beginning of each year and will remain static throughout that year.**  
**Prize money table applies to WDF 501 ranked singles tournaments only**

f). Platinum grading shall be based on the level of entries being 3,000 or greater and/or the level of prize money being 40,000.00 EUR (or the equivalent to 40,000 EUR), but shall be at the discretion of the WDF

#### 5. TOURNAMENT SANCTION FEES

- 5.01 WDF Ranked Tournaments shall carry the following sanctioning fees:
- 5.02 Bronze grading sanction fee - 100.00 USD
- 5.03 Silver grading sanction fee - 250.00 USD
- 5.04 Platinum and Gold grading sanction fee - 2,500.00 USD
- 5.05 Sanction fees must be remitted to the WDF Vice President Finance within fourteen days after the completion of the respective tournament.

#### 6. PLAYER LEVY

- 6.01 Player Levy fee structures shall be agreed at the annual general meeting.
- 6.02 A WDF Player Levy (equivalent to 2.00 USD) shall be added to the Entry Fee for all Men's and Women's singles events in WDF Ranked Tournaments.

- 6.03 The WDF Player Levy Statement reads as follows: “A sum of 2.00 USD is included in the entry fee for the WDF Ranked Singles Events. This Player Levy will be used to fund the WDF Anti-Doping programme and other related WDF activities and services.”
- 6.04 The total Player Levy must be remitted to the WDF Vice President Finance within fourteen days after completion of the respective WDF Ranked Tournament (see Bye-Law 3.04 - <https://www.dartswdf.com/rules/>).

## **7. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

- 7.01 Tournament Organisers shall submit Tournament Information for all WDF Ranked Tournaments to the WDF Sports Administrator a minimum of two months before the Sanctioned Event begins.
- 7.02 All Tournament Information shall be made available on the WDF Calendar at the earliest opportunity.
- 7.03 The Tournament Information shall include, but shall not be limited to:
- (a) The postal address and location of the Sanctioned Event.
  - (b) The date of each WDF Ranked Tournament.
  - (c) The grading for each WDF Ranked Tournament.
  - (d) How to enter, the entry fee and deadline for entry for each tournament.
    - Including a link to online entry where applicable.
    - An entry form shall be included if online registration is not included.
  - (e) The WDF Player Levy and Anti-Doping statements.
  - (f) The playing format for each WDF Ranked Tournament.
  - (g) A complete breakdown of the prize money for each WDF Ranked Tournament.
    - Entry fees and prize money shall be listed in the same currency.
- 7.04 Tournament Organisers are encouraged to offer accommodation packages to attending players.

## **8. TOURNAMENT ENTRY AND FEES**

- 8.01 Each individual may only enter each tournament once.
- 8.02 Entry fees for WDF Ranked Tournaments shall not exceed the equivalent to 100.00 USD which shall include the 2.00 USD Player Levy.
- 8.03 Should any WDF Ranked Tournament be cancelled before its commencement, the Member Darts Body will be responsible for returning all entry fees.
- The WDF will not accept any responsibility or liability for any costs incurred should any tournament be cancelled.
- 8.04 It is the Tournament Organisers responsibility to ensure that only eligible players enter a WDF Ranked Tournament.
- Any ineligible players that enter a WDF Ranked Tournament in error shall have their entry fee returned and shall not be entered into the draw.

## 9. TOURNAMENT SEEDING AND DRAW

- 9.01 All WDF Ranked Tournaments shall be seeded in the following way:
- 9.02 Seeding for Platinum graded tournaments shall be agreed on a tournament-by-tournament basis.
- 9.03 Gold graded tournaments shall carry 32 seeds.
- 9.04 Silver graded tournaments shall carry 16 seeds.
- 9.05 Bronze graded tournaments shall carry 8 seeds.
- 9.06 Seeding shall be taken from the WDF Main Ranking Tables (See section 16).

Where not enough players or not enough WDF ranked players enter a WDF Ranked Tournament to allow for a full complement of seeds, the number of seeds shall be reduced to 16, 8, 4, 2 or 0 as required.

- 9.07 Tournament seedings shall be based on the WDF Main Ranking Table positions on the penultimate Wednesday before a Sanctioned Event commences.

For example, for a Sanctioned Event that commences on Saturday 29 January, seedings shall be taken from the WDF Main Ranking Tables on Wednesday 19 January.

- 9.08 Seeding shall be applied at the time that entries to the tournament close.

Where players are tied in the WDF Main Ranking Table, the player that has the highest individual scoring points box shall be seeded highest.

For example:

Player A

- Highest scoring box - 180 points
- Second highest scoring box - 90 points
- Third highest scoring box - 90 points
- Fourth highest scoring box - 28 points
- Total = 388 points

Player B

- Highest scoring box - 180 points
- Second highest scoring box - 180 points
- Third highest scoring box - 17 points
- Fourth highest scoring box - 11 points
- Total = 388 points

Player B would be seeded highest as their second highest scoring box is higher than Player A's second highest scoring box.

Where players remain tied, a draw will take place to determine the higher seeded player.

Seeds shall be distributed through the draw in sections, as detailed below, with each section being of equal size.

- 9.09 For two seeds the draw shall be split into two sections. Each seed shall be placed at the top of a section in the following order:
- 1,2

- 9.10 For four seeds the draw shall be split into four sections. Each seed shall be placed at the top of a section in the following order:
- 1,4,2,3
- 9.11 For eight seeds the draw shall be split into eight sections. Each seed shall be placed at the top of a section in the following order:
- 1,8,4,5,2,7,3,6
- 9.12 For sixteen seeds the draw shall be split into sixteen sections. Each seed shall be placed at the top of a section in the following order:
- 1,16,8,9,4,13,5,12,2,15,7,10,3,14,6,11
- 9.13 For thirty-two seeds the draw shall be split into thirty-two sections. Each seed shall be placed at the top of a section in the following order:
- 1,32,16,17,8,25,9,24,4,29,13,20,5,28,12,21,2,31,15,18,7,26,10,23,3,30,14,19,6,27,11,22
- 9.14 Each player may only be entered into the draw once.
- 9.15 There shall only be one draw for opponents.
- 9.16 The draw for all WDF Ranked Tournaments shall be made once entry to a tournament has closed and the seedings have been allocated.
- The complete draw for all WDF Ranked Tournaments shall be made available on the date specified within the Tournament Information and at the venue at the earliest opportunity.
- 9.17 Where required, byes shall be allocated throughout the draw in the following order:
- 9.18 Byes shall be allocated to seeded players, starting with the number one seed, and working down in numerical order to the last allocated seed.
- 9.19 All remaining byes will be randomly distributed throughout the draw.
- 9.20 Where it is recognised that seedings have been incorrectly allocated, the Tournament Organiser shall manually adjust the draw to ensure seeds are correctly allocated.
- Where it is recognised that a player should be seeded but is in the draw as an unseeded player, the Tournament Organiser shall manually allocate all players the correct seeding position with the incorrectly seeded player taking the place of the previously omitted seed.
- 9.21 Where it is recognised that a player or players have been omitted from the draw, the Tournament Organiser shall manually replace the bye(s), allocated in the draw with the omitted player(s) in the reverse order to which byes were allocated (see Clause 9.09).
- 9.22 Should any player withdraw or not attend to play in a tournament after the draw has been made, the position they held in the draw shall become a bye.
- 9.23 No substitutes shall be allowed in any WDF Ranked Tournament.
- 9.24 Under no circumstances shall players that have been beaten or eliminated from the tournament be allowed to re-enter the tournament in order to fill an empty place in the draw.

## 10. PLAYING RULES

10.01 WDF Ranked Tournaments shall be played under the WDF Playing and Tournament Rules.

WDF Playing and Tournament Rules can be found on the WDF website <https://www.dartswdf.com/rules/>.

10.02 Any additional rules created or practiced by the Tournament Organisers shall be approved by the WDF and published as a part of the Tournament Information.

## 11. PLAYING FORMAT

11.01 The playing format for all WDF Ranked Tournaments shall be 501, straight in, double out, unless otherwise approved by the WDF.

11.02 All Gold, Silver or Bronze WDF Ranked tournaments shall use the playing formats detailed in sections 11.03 and/or 11.04

11.03 Where applicable, Round Robin Group matches should be a minimum of best of three, maximum best of seven.

11.04 Knockout matches should be played based on the minimum criteria shown in the table below.

WDF Member Countries shall approve all tournament formats within their jurisdiction considering participant numbers, venue playing environment and capabilities, sponsor and tournament host preferences and any other market forces that may prevail to encourage participation.

Knockout Minimum Requirements	GOLD		SILVER		BRONZE	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
<b>Final</b>	Best of 11	Best of 9	Best of 9	Best of 9	Best of 9	Best of 7
<b>Semi-Final</b>	Best of 9	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7
<b>Q-Final</b>	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7
<b>Last 16</b>	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 5
<b>Last 32</b>	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 7	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5
<b>Last 64</b>	Best of 7	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5
<b>Last 128</b>	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5	Best of 5

11.05 The playing format for Platinum WDF Ranked Tournaments shall be at the discretion of the WDF Executive.

## 12. STAGED MATCHES

12.01 As a minimum, the finals of Platinum, Gold and Silver graded tournaments shall be played on stage.

12.02 Rules for Staged Matches can be found in the Playing and Tournament Rules (<https://www.dartswdf.com/rules/>).

## 13. PRIZE MONEY

13.01 Finalised prize money levels shall be agreed as a part of the WDF Ranked Tournament application.



13.02 Prize money for all WDF Platinum and Gold Ranked Tournaments shall be paid to a minimum of the last 64 Men and the last 32 Women, subject to the number of players entered into the draw meeting the criteria detailed in the table below.

Prize money for all WDF Silver Ranked Tournaments shall be paid to a minimum of the last 32 Men and the last 16 Women, subject to the number of players entered into the draw meeting the criteria detailed in the table below.

Prize money for all WDF Bronze Ranked Tournaments shall be paid to a minimum of the last 16 Men and the last 8 Women, subject to the number of players entered into the draw meeting the criteria detailed in the table below.

PRIZE MONEY Number of Players Entered Into The Draw	MEN			WOMEN		
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze
<b>2-3</b>	Winner	Winner	Winner	Winner	Winner	Winner
<b>4-7</b>	Finalists	Finalists	Finalists	Finalists	Finalists	Finalists
<b>8-15</b>	Last 4	Last 4	Last 4	Last 4	Last 4	Last 4
<b>16-31</b>	Last 8	Last 8	Last 8	Last 8	Last 8	Last 8
<b>32-63</b>	Last 16	Last 16	Last 16	Last 16	Last 16	Last 8
<b>64-127</b>	Last 32	Last 32	Last 16	Last 32	Last 16	Last 8
<b>128 +</b>	Last 64	Last 32	Last 16	Last 32	Last 16	Last 8

13.03 The following criteria should be adhered to when establishing pay out levels for all WDF Ranked Tournaments:

- Total prize money shall not fall below the minimums agreed as a part of the application process but may be enhanced.
- Women shall receive no less than 20% of the total prize money.
- In both the men's and women's tournaments, Tournament Organisers shall determine the sum of prize money that tournament winners receive.
- In both men's and women's tournaments semi-finalists shall receive prize money of circa 50% of the prize money awarded to the runner up.
- The "circa 50%" rule shall then be applied to all further prize money pay outs.

13.04 All advertised prize money shall be declared before tax deductions.

- When taxed, Tournament Organisers must provide players with a legitimate tax certificate.

13.05 It is the WDF Member Darts Bodies responsibility to guarantee the payment of the declared prize money.

## 14. TOURNAMENT RESULTS REPORTING

14.01 All results from completed WDF Ranked Tournaments must be submitted via the WDF Results App within 24 hours of the completion of the WDF Sanctioned Event.

- Tournament Organisers will be contacted in the lead up to tournaments regarding the use of the WDF Result App.

## 15. POINTS ALLOCATION

- 15.01 Points will be allocated for all WDF Ranked Tournaments based on the table below subject to the number of players entered into the draw

	MAJORS/ PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	Minimum Entries in the Draw
Winner	270	180	90	45	2
Runner Up	167	111	56	28	4
Semi-Final	103	68	34	17	8
Quarter-Final	64	43	21	11	16
Last 16	39	26	13	6	32
Last 32	26	17	9		64
Last 64	13	9			128

- 15.02 A complete round of matches, (without allocated byes), must be played before points are allocated to players.

A player receiving a walk over as the result of a player that had played in a previous round withdrawing from the tournament, will be deemed to have “played” a match.

- 15.03 All WDF Ranking Points obtained in WDF Ranking Tournaments will remain on WDF Ranking Tables for 104 weeks.

## 16. WDF WORLD RANKING TABLES

- 16.01 All WDF Ranking Tables shall be posted on the WDF website <https://www.dartswdf.com/tables>.

- 16.02 To be included in any WDF Ranking Table a player must, at the time of issuing/updating the tables be an eligible Playing Member of a WDF Member Darts Body.

### WDF Main Ranking Tables

- 16.03 The WDF Main Ranking Tables are two year rolling tables which carry the best ten points achievements by players, (Men and Women), across all WDF Ranked Tournaments.

**NB** For season 2023-24 Tables will carry the best fifteen points achievements by players.

- 16.04 The WDF Main Ranking Table shall be used to allocate seedings for WDF Ranked Tournaments.

### WDF Regional Tables

- 16.05 WDF Regional Tables are two year rolling tables which carry the best eight points achievements by players, (Men and Women), from the specific region across all WDF Ranked Tournaments played in the specific region.

- Points achievements from WDF Major tournaments will not count on regional tables.

**NB** For season 2023-24 Tables will carry the best fifteen points achievements by players.

- 16.06 A Players nationality shall determine the country and therefore Regional Table to which they are associated.

- 16.07 In all WDF Regional tables, Platinum and Gold graded tournaments shall carry Silver graded tournament ranking points.

16.08 WDF Regional Tables break down as follows:

UK & Ireland	North Europe	Eastern Europe	Western Europe	Asia/Pacific	Africa & Western Asia
England	Denmark	Bulgaria	Austria	Brunei	Bahrain
Guernsey	Estonia	Croatia	Belgium	Chinese Taipei	Egypt
Isle of Man	Faroe Islands	Cyprus	Catalonia	Hong Kong	Ethiopia
Jersey	Finland	Czech Republic	France	India	Mauretania
Northern Ireland	Iceland	Greece	Germany	Iran	Nigeria
Republic of Ireland	Latvia	Hungary	Gibraltar	Japan	Palestine
Scotland	Lithuania	Poland	Italy	Macau	South Africa
Wales	Norway	Romania	Liechtenstein	Malaysia	Tunisia
	Russia	Serbia	Luxembourg	Mongolia	Uganda
	Sweden	Slovakia	Malta	Pakistan	United Arab Emirates
		Slovenia	Monaco	Papua New Guinea	Yemen
		Turkey	Netherlands	Singapore	
		Ukraine	Spain	South Korea	
			Switzerland	Thailand	

Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA each have their own WDF Regional Table.

#### **WDF Tournament Qualifier Tables**

- 16.09 All WDF Tournament Qualifier tables, (Men and Women), shall run for a specific qualification period for the named tournament and shall include the points achieved in the nominated WDF Ranked Tournaments.
- 16.10 In all WDF Tournament Qualifier tables, Platinum and Gold graded tournaments shall carry Silver graded tournament ranking points.
- 16.11 Details of all tournaments that carry WDF Tournament Qualifier tables shall be available on the WDF website, including tournament dates, qualification criteria and prize money.

#### **17. CONDUCT**

- 17.01 The WDF Executive have the power to discipline any Member Darts Body under the Disciplinary Code of Practice, which can be found on the WDF website <https://www.dartswdf.com/rules/>.

#### **18. AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS**

- 18.01 The WDF Executive reserve the right to amend, add to, or delete from any of the WDF Ranking Systems Criteria at any time to meet any purposes deemed to be necessary.
- Such changes may be made before, during or after a WDF Ranked Tournament.
- 18.02 All questions or queries concerning individual WDF Ranked Tournaments should be directed to and addressed by the Member Darts Body responsible for the tournament.
- 18.03 All questions or queries concerning the implementation of the WDF World Ranking Systems Criteria should be addressed to the WDF Administrator via the WDF Contact form available on the WDF website <https://www.dartswdf.com/federation/wdf-contact-form/>.

18.04 In darts events under WDF jurisdiction all players and officials are subject to the terms and conditions of the WDF Anti-Doping Rules. Players are subject to testing that can take place in, or out-of-competition. In-competition sample collection could occur at any event as required by WDF.

The “WDF Anti-Doping Rules” can be found on the WDF website by selecting <https://www.dartswdf.com/rules/>.

## 19. COPYRIGHT

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## 20. REVISION NOTES

Version 44 - Clause 4.07 updated Prize Money Payout Table  
Clause 11.03 change from minimum of 5 to minimum of 3  
Clause 11.04 addition of the word “minimum”  
Clause 11.04 additional paragraph re Member Countries approving formats  
Clause 11.04 amended table incorporating above detailed changes  
Clause 16.03 additional NB line added 2023/24 season – best 15  
Clause 16.05 additional NB line added 2023/24 season – best 12

Note: From season 2025 (November 1 2024):  
Clause 15.03 to read  
All WDF Ranking Points obtained in WDF Ranking Tournaments will remain on WDF Ranking Tables for 52 weeks (1 year) with the exception of the WDF World Masters and WDF World Championships, for which only the last edition shall be included in any WDF Ranking Table.

Note: From season 2025 (November 1 2024):  
Clause 16.03 to read  
The WDF Main Ranking Tables are one year rolling tables which carry the best ten points achievements by players, (Men and Women), across all WDF Ranked Tournaments

Note: From season 2025 (November 1 2024):  
Clause 16.05 to read  
WDF Regional Tables are one year rolling tables which carry the best eight points achievements by players, (Men and Women), from the specific region across all WDF Ranked Tournaments played in the specific region  
Points achievements from WDF Major tournaments will not count on regional tables

Clause 16.08 additional Africa and Western Asia region added  
Clause 16.08 Egypt moved from Europe to Western Asia region