

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Winmau World Masters, WDF World Open and WDF World Championship Qualifiers



Below you will find some supplementary/specific rules concerning the 2022 Winmau World Masters, WDF World Open and the WDF World Championship Qualifiers. If not mentioned in this document, the General Game Rules of the Dutch Darts Association (NDB) apply which are compliant with the WDF Playing and Tournament rules. These rules can be found on the website of the [NDB](#) or [WDF](#).

- The 2022 Winmau World Masters, WDF World Open & WDF World Championship Qualifiers are WDF registered tournaments. As a result, players must be eligible to play in accordance with the rules of the WDF (www.dartswdf.com).
- Current (2022) PDC tour card holders cannot play in any WDF ranked tournaments or in the World Championship qualifying tournaments.
- You do not have to be a member of the NDB (Dutch Darts Association) or another darts organization to participate in the WDF World Open and the WDF World Championship Qualifiers.
- The Winmau World Masters is an invitation tournament. Only qualified and invited players can enter for this tournament. Entry is free but all players must enter online on or before Sunday 4 December 2022.
- Players must be under 18 on Sunday 11 December 2022 to enter the Boys or Girls World Masters tournaments and/or WDF World Open.
- Players must be under 18 on January 1 2023 to enter the Boys or Girls WDF World Championship Qualifier.
- All Youth players will be asked to show proof of age (passport would be the suggested document), when registering for tournaments in order that their age can be verified.
- It is the responsibility of every player to register at the venue for each tournament they have entered. The time for players to register can be found on the [WDF](#) website. If a player does not register, they will not be entered into the draw.
- The draw for each tournament will be made once registration for that tournament has closed.
- All the three tournaments, (the Winmau World Masters, WDF World Open and the World Championship Qualifiers), will be played using the [DartConnect](#) system. This means that there will be no announcement for players to go to the board to play.
- The playing format for each tournament can be found by clicking [here](#).
- The Winmau World Masters will start with Round Robin Groups
- Seeding for the World Masters will be based on the number of registrations:
 - Eight groups = eight seeded players
 - Sixteen groups = sixteen seeded players
 - Thirty-two groups = thirty-two seeded players
 - Sixty-four groups or more = sixty-four seeded players
 - Players will only be seeded at the start of the tournament
- Seeding for the WDF World Open will be in accordance with the WDF Ranking System Criteria.
- There will be no seeding for the WDF World Championship Qualifiers.
- DartConnect will detail the order of play within each Round Robin group and the marker for each match within each group.
- Each player and marker has ten minutes from the conclusion of the previous game to report to the board they are scheduled to play on.
 - Any player or marker that does not report to their board at the correct time, runs the risk of being disqualified by the Tournament Organisers.
- Before a game starts, each player is allowed to throw nine practice darts on the lane where they have to play.
- Players will throw for the bull to decide who starts the first leg. The player who is on the top on DartConnect will throw for the bull first. The winner of the bull will start all odd numbered legs. The player who starts the first leg, will also start the last and deciding leg.
- All questions concerning score checks must be asked before the player throws again
- Should any player not complete all of their Round Robin matches, all of that player's matches will be removed from the Round Robin Group results table.

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- At the conclusion of the Round Robin Group stages the top two players from each group will continue in the knockout stages of the tournament.
 - If two players have the same number of wins, leg difference will be used to determine the higher placed player
 - Should leg difference be equal, the result of the match played between the two tied teams will be used to determine the higher placed player
 - If three or more players are tied on the same number of wins, leg difference will be used to determine the higher placed player
 - Should leg difference be equal, wins and then leg difference in the results between the tied players will be used to determine the higher placed player
 - Where players cannot be separated, one tie-break leg will be played with all players playing on one board
 - The throwing order shall be established by a Bull throw with lots drawn to decide the order of the throw for the Bull
 - The winner of the leg qualifies from the group
 - Where two qualifiers are required, the leg continues with the remaining players until a second player has finished their leg
- Players that register and pay to play in the World Championship qualifiers who qualify for the World Championship before the World Championship qualifiers begin, will be given a full refund.
- The WDF World Open and the WDF World Championship Qualifiers are played in the knockout format.
- Markers will be appointed for the first match in all knockout tournaments.
- After a knockout match, the loser must stay to mark the next match on the same board. If you lose on the stage, you must return to mark on the board you were scheduled to play on.
- For stage games, players must be dressed in accordance with the general WDF dress code. This means a pair of trousers or skirt (no jeans or denim type trousers), a collared shirt and dark shoes. Club expressions of any kind (football, motorcycle or otherwise) are not permitted.
- All players who play on stage are required to wear a sticker of the main sponsor, if provided by the organization.
- Prize money distribution for the Winmau World Masters and the WDF World Open can be found by clicking [here](#).
- All prize money will be paid out by bank transfer for practical and security reasons. Players will receive a prize money form from the Floor Official before the start of the round in which prize money can be won. Players are required to complete the prize money form by no later than Sunday 11 December. Players will require their IBAN and BIC codes to be able to complete the form correctly. The completed form should be handed in to the main control desk at the Plaza or any reception of the Bonte Wever.
- There will be no prize money for the World Championship qualifiers. All qualified players are secured by prize money in the WDF World Championships.
- If a player does not attend the prize ceremony, they lose the right to receive a trophy and/or prize money.
- The Winmau World Masters, WDF World Open and the WDF World Championship Qualifiers are supervised by the WDF and NDB and decisions and interpretations of the rules are binding.
- During the tournaments, photos and videos of all matches, players and visitors can be made for promotional purposes. Players and visitors commit themselves to this by means of registration or visiting the events. From the first round to the final, players are obliged to play matches that can be recorded (live) for live stream or television.
- The organization has the right to change the time-schedule.
- In the playing area, drinking and/or smoking is forbidden. Players who ignore these rules receive a warning; the second warning means that the player will be taken out of the tournament immediately.

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- Should any player not stay to mark, (or find a person to mark on their behalf), they will be disqualified from all remaining tournaments in Assen and from the World Masters, WDF World Open and WDF World Championship Qualifier in 2023.
- Entered players and visitors are committed to the promotion and sponsor policy of the WDF and NDB; This means, amongst other things, that the organisation has the right to protect the interest of her sponsors and because of this disallow sponsor badges and/or other (commercial) expressions.
- Everybody is obliged to follow the rules and follow the directions from members of the tournament committee. Players who don't follow the rules will be disqualified.
- It's forbidden to deliberately influence or manipulate the course and outcome of a game by cheating or deliberately losing. This will be considered as match fixing.
- Dope and drugs will not be tolerated. During the event, players can be checked on the use of dope and drugs. If a player is found to have used drugs or dope, he or she will immediately be taken out of all tournaments.
- The regulations are subject to possible changes. In cases in which these rules can't be applied, the tournament committee will decide.