

2025 WDF Lakeside World Championships – Seniors – Qualification Criteria

The Men's 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship shall be made up of 48 players.

The Women's 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship shall be made up of 24 players.

The following criteria shall be used to determine which players shall receive an invitation to play in the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championships.

The 2025 WDF season started on Friday 1 November 2024 and will conclude when all tournaments played on or before Saturday 1 November 2025 are completed.

MEN'S QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

1) WDF World Championship Race Table Top 16

- The sixteen highest ranked players from the WDF World Championship 2025 Race Table at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.

2). Platinum and Gold Ranking Tournaments

- Winners of Platinum and Gold graded tournaments held during the 2025 WDF season.

3). WDF Regional Tables

- The two highest ranked players from each of the following nine WDF Regional Race Tables at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season: Asia, Australia, Canada, East Europe, New Zealand, North Europe, UK & Ireland, USA and West Europe.
- The highest ranked player from the Africa and Western Asia region at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.
 - A region must have hosted a minimum of five WDF ranked tournaments during the 2025 WDF season (held across a minimum of three different countries in multi-nation regions)
- Should either player that qualified through a Regional Race Table decline their invitation before the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship draw is made, that invitation will be extended to the next highest ranked player only from that Regional Race Table at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season, irrespective of whether either player has qualified through other qualification criteria.
- Should both players that qualified through a Regional Race Table decline their invitation before the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship draw is made, their invitations will be extended to the next two highest ranked players only from that Regional Race Table at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season, irrespective of whether either or both players have also qualified through other qualification criteria.
 - Should the extended invitation(s) be to player(s) that have qualified through other criteria or should either or both extended invitations be declined before the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship draw is made, the invitation(s) will be extended to the next highest ranked player(s) from the WDF World Championship Race Table that has not qualified as at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.

4). World Championship Qualifiers

- Four players will qualify from the Men's World Championships Play Off (Date TBC)
 - Any player that has not already qualified for the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championships may participate in the WDF World Championship qualifying tournament.
 - Should any player(s) that qualifies through the Men's World Championship Qualifier decline their invitation before the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship draw is made, that invitation will be extended to the highest ranked player from the WDF World Championship Race Table that has not already qualified as at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.

5). WDF World Championship Race Table

- The highest ranked players from the WDF World Championship Race Table at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season that have not already qualified shall be used to raise the total number of invitations to 48.
 - Should any player(s) that qualified through the WDF World Championship Race Table following the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season decline their invitation before the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship draw is made, that invitation will be extended to the highest ranked player from the WDF World Championship Race Table at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.

WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

1). WDF World Championship Race Table Top 8

- The eight highest ranked players from the WDF World Championship Race Table at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.

2). Platinum and Gold Ranking Tournaments

- Winners of Platinum and Gold graded tournaments held during the 2025 WDF season.

3). WDF Regional Tables

- The highest ranked player from each of the ten WDF Regional Race Tables at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.
 - A region must have hosted a minimum of five WDF ranked tournaments during the 2025 WDF season (held across a minimum of three different countries in multi-nation regions)
- Should any player that qualified through a Regional Race Table decline their invitation before the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship draw is made, that invitation will be extended to the highest ranked player from that Regional Race Table at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season, irrespective of whether the player has also qualified through any other qualification criteria.
 - Should the extended invitation be to a player that has qualified through other criteria, or should the extended invitation be declined before the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship draw is made, the invitation will be extended to the next highest ranked player from the WDF World Championship Race Table that has not qualified as at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.

4). World Championship Qualifiers

- Two players will qualify from the Women's World Championships Play Off (date and venue TBC)
 - Any player that has not already qualified for the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championships may participate in the WDF World Championship qualifying tournament.
 - Should any player(s) that qualifies through the Women's World Championship Qualifier decline their invitation before the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship draw is made, that invitation will be extended to the highest ranked player from the WDF World Championship Race Table that has not qualified as at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.

5). WDF Main Ranking Table

- The next highest ranked players from the WDF World Championship Race Table at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season shall be used to raise the total number of invitations to 24.
 - Should any player(s) that qualified through the WDF World Championship Race Table following the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season decline their invitation before the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship draw is made, that invitation will be extended to the highest ranked player from the WDF World Championship Race Table that has not qualified as at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.

2025 WDF LAKESIDE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ADDITIONAL NOTES

Ranking Table Tied Places

Where players are tied in any WDF Ranking Table, the player that has the highest individual scoring points box shall be seeded highest as detailed in WDF World Ranking System Criteria Rules.

2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship Seedings

The 16 highest ranked Men and 8 highest ranked Women at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season shall be guaranteed seeding at the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championships. Seeding positions shall be based on player positions in the Main Ranking Tables at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.

Should any player(s) deemed as a seed following the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season decline their invitation before the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship draw is made, the highest ranked player(s) from the WDF Main Ranking Table at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season not already recognised as being seeded shall be declared as a seed(s).

2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship Draw

The draw for the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championships shall be made following the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.

Men's Draw

- a) The 16 seeds shall be placed at the top of each section of the draw in the following order:
1,16,8,9,4,13,5,12,2,15,7,10,3,14,6,11
- b) Players ranked 17-32 shall be drawn against players ranked 33-48 to create the first round
- c) The 16 seeded players shall be drawn against the winners of the first-round matches to create the second round
- d) All further rounds shall be determined by the seeding bracket described in point (a)

Women's Draw

- a) The 8 seeds shall be placed at the top of each section of the draw in the following order:
1,8,4,5,2,7,3,6
- b) Players ranked 9-16 shall be drawn against players ranked 17-32 to create the first round
- c) The 8 seeded players shall be drawn against the winners of the first-round matches to create the second round
- d) All further rounds shall be determined by the seeding bracket described in point (a)

Should any player withdraw from the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship after the draw has been made, but before the first game of the tournament has started, that invitation will be extended to the next highest ranked player from that WDF World Championship Race Table at the conclusion of the 2025 WDF season.

The incoming player will directly replace the player that has withdrawn from the tournament in the draw.

Should the incoming player replace a seeded player in the draw, the incoming player would only be eligible for first round prize money and first round ranking points should they be defeated in their first match.

Should any player withdraw from the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championship after the tournament has begun, that player shall not be replaced, and their opponent shall receive a bye into the next round.

Further Details

Further details surrounding the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championships will be released when available.

The WDF reserves the right to amend the 2025 WDF Lakeside World Championships qualifying criteria at any time to meet any purposes deemed to be necessary.