

2023 Lakeside WDF World Championships – Seniors – Qualification Criteria

Men and Women

- The Men's 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship shall be made up of 48 players
- The Women's 2023 Lakeside WDF 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 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championships.

MEN'S QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Players shall qualify in the order detailed below:

1) WDF Main Ranking Table Top 16

- The sixteen highest ranked players from the WDF Main Ranking Table at the conclusion of the 2022 WDF World Masters.

2). Platinum and Gold Ranking Tournaments

- Winners of the following Platinum and Gold graded tournaments held across 2022

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| Isle of Man Open 2022 | World Championship 2022 | Scottish Open 2022 |
| Denmark Open 2022 | Welsh Open 2022 | Dutch Open 2022 |
| New Zealand Open 2022 | Australian Darts Open 2022 | British Open 2022 |
| England Classic 2022 | Irish Open 2022 | World Masters 2022 |

- Invitations will not be extended past the winners of the above listed tournaments.

3). WDF Regional Tables

- The two highest ranked players from each of the nine WDF Regional Tables at the conclusion of the 2022 WDF World Masters
 - A region must have hosted a minimum of five WDF ranked tournaments (held across a minimum of three different countries in multi-nation regions)
- Should either player that qualified through a Regional Table decline their invitation before the 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship draw is made, that invitation will be extended to the next highest ranked player only from that Regional Table as of Monday 30 October 2023. This shall be irrespective of whether either player has qualified through either of qualification criteria 1 or 2.
- Should both players that qualified through a Regional Table decline their invitation before the 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship draw is made, their invitations will be extended to the next two highest ranked players only from that Regional Table as of Monday 30 October 2023. This shall be irrespective of whether either or both players have also qualified through either of qualification criteria 1 or 2.
 - Should the extended invitation(s) be to player(s) that have qualified through other criteria or should either or both of the extended invitations be declined before the 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship draw is made, the invitation(s) will be extended to the next highest ranked player(s) from the Main Ranking Table that has not qualified as of Monday 30 October 2023.

4). WDF Main Ranking Table

- The next highest ranked players from the WDF Main Ranking Table at the conclusion of the 2022 WDF World Masters shall be used to raise the total number of invitations to 44.
 - Should any player(s) that qualified through the Main Ranking Table following the 2022 WDF World Masters decline their invitation before the 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship draw is made, that invitation will be extended to the highest ranked player from the Main Ranking Table that has not qualified as of Monday 30 October 2023.

5). World Championship Qualifiers

- Four players shall qualify from the Men's World Championships Play Off held in Assen in December 2022.
 - Should any player(s) that qualified through the World Championship Qualifier decline their invitation before the 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship draw is made, that invitation will be extended to the highest ranked player from the Main Ranking Table that has not qualified as of Monday 30 October 2023.

WOMEN'S QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

2) WDF Main Ranking Table Top 8

- The eight highest ranked players from the WDF Main Ranking Table at the conclusion of the 2022 WDF World Masters.

2). Platinum and Gold Ranking Tournaments

- Winners of the following Platinum and Gold graded tournaments held across 2022

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| Isle of Man Open 2022 | World Championship 2022 | Scottish Open 2022 |
| Denmark Open 2022 | Welsh Open 2022 | Dutch Open 2022 |
| New Zealand Open 2022 | Australian Darts Open 2022 | British Open 2022 |
| England Classic 2022 | Irish Open 2022 | World Masters 2022 |

- Invitations will not be extended past the winners of the above listed tournaments.

3). WDF Regional Tables

- The highest ranked player from each of the nine WDF Regional Tables at the conclusion of the 2022 WDF World Masters
 - A region must have hosted a minimum of five WDF ranked tournaments (held across a minimum of three different countries in multi-nation regions)
- Should any player that qualified through a Regional Table decline their invitation before the 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship draw is made, that invitation will be extended to the highest ranked player from that Regional Table as of Monday 30 October 2023. This shall be irrespective of whether either player has also qualified through either of qualification criteria 1 or 2.
 - Should the extended invitation be to a player that has qualified through other criteria, or should the extended invitation be declined before the 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship draw is made, the invitation will be extended to the next highest ranked player from the Main Ranking Table that has not qualified as of Monday 30 October 2023

4). WDF Main Ranking Table

- The next highest ranked players from the WDF Main Ranking Table at the conclusion of the 2022 WDF World Masters shall be used to raise the total number of invitations to 22.
 - Should any player(s) that qualified through the Main Ranking Table following the 2022 WDF World Masters decline their invitation before the 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship draw is made, that invitation will be extended to the highest ranked player from the Main Ranking Table that has not qualified as of Monday 30 October 2023.

5). World Championship Qualifiers

- Two players shall qualify from the Women's World Championships Play Off held in Assen in December 2022.
 - Should any player(s) that qualified through the World Championship Qualifier decline their invitation before the 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship draw is made, that invitation will be extended to the highest ranked player from the Main Ranking Table that has not qualified as of Monday 30 October 2023.

2023 LAKESIDE WDF 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 Rule 9.08.

2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship Seedings

The 16 highest ranked Men and 8 highest ranked Women following the completion of the 2022 WDF World Masters shall be guaranteed seeding at the 2023 Lakeside World Championships. Seeding positions shall be based on player positions in the Main Ranking Tables on Monday 30 October 2023.

Should any player(s) deemed as a seed following the completion of the 2022 WDF World Masters decline their invitation before the 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship draw is made, the highest ranked player(s) from the WDF Main Ranking Table on Monday 30 October 2023 not already recognised as being seeded shall be declared as the lowest ranked seed(s).

For example, if three of the players announced as seeds in the Men's tournament following the 2022 World Masters decline their invitation before the 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship draw is made, the remaining 13 named seeds will fill seedings 1-13 based on their WDF Main Ranking positions as of Monday 30 October 2023.

The remaining three seeding places, (14, 15 and 16), will be filled by the players that are highest in the Main Ranking Table on Monday 30 October 2023 that are not already seeded.

2023 Lakeside WDF World Championship Draw

The draw for the Lakeside WDF World Championships shall be made in November 2023 – date to be confirmed.

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 randomly drawn against players ranked 33-48 to create the first round
- c) The 16 seeded players shall be randomly 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 randomly drawn against players ranked 17-32 to create the first round
- c) The 8 seeded players shall be randomly 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 2023 Lakeside WDF 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 available highest ranked player from that Main Ranking Table as of Monday 30 October 2023.

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 should they be defeated in their first match.

Should any player withdraw from the 2023 Lakeside WDF 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 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championships will be released as they become available.

The WDF reserves the right to amend the 2023 Lakeside WDF World Championships qualifying criteria at any time to meet any purposes deemed to be necessary.