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WORLD RANKING SYSTEMS CRITERIA

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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 UNDER 23 CALENDAR

A list of all sanctioned WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments can be found on the WDF website by visiting <https://www.dartswdf.com/calendar>.

2. WDF UNDER 23 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:

- a) Only 'singles' darts tournaments, or 'singles' events of tournaments shall be ranked.
- b) WDF Member Darts Bodies may offer Under 23 Boys only, Under 23 Girls only or Under 23 Mixed Boys and Girls ranked tournaments.
- c) All WDF Under 23 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/>).
- d) Players must be over the age of 18 and under the age of 24 on December 31 to compete in any WDF Ranked Under 23 tournaments in the next WDF season, (January 1 to December 31), and any major tournament associated to that season.
- e) Current PDC Tour Card holders cannot take part in any WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments.

2.02 Only WDF Member Darts Bodies may apply for WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments.

2.03 In any calendar year Member Darts Bodies may apply for a maximum of sixteen Under 23 Boys and sixteen Under 23 Girls OR sixteen Under 23 Mixed WDF Under 23 Ranking Tournaments with no more than two Under 23 Boys and two Under 23 Girls OR two Under 23 Mixed Tournaments at each Sanctioned Event.

2.04 All WDF Under 23 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.

2.05 The WDF Executive will assess each application for a WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournament on its merits and reserve the right to include or exclude any tournament in the WDF Under 23 Ranking Systems Criteria.

3. RANKING CRITERIA

3.01 A WDF Ranked Under 23 Event must have at least two participants to receive ranking points.

3.02 Where there are less than four Under 23 boys and/or less than four Under 23 girls, it is permitted to arrange a "mixed" event that includes boys and girls.

- In such mixed events ranking points will be allocated in the same way as in a normal Under 23 boys' or Under 23 girls' event.

3.03 WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments will be given an initial grading of Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze based on the total number of participants in the previous edition of the tournament.

- The same grading will be awarded to both Under 23 boys and Under 23 girls tournaments based on the total number of participants in both tournaments combined

3.04 New WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments will be awarded Bronze grading.

- 3.05 Platinum grading will be awarded to tournaments that had 129 or more participants, (Under 23 boys and girls combined), in the previous edition of the tournament.
- 3.06 Gold grading will be awarded to tournaments that had between 65 and 128 participants, (Under 23 boys and girls combined), in the previous edition of the tournament.
- 3.07 Initial Silver grading will be awarded to tournaments that had between 17 and 64 participants, (Under 23 boys and girls combined), in the previous edition of the tournament,
- 3.08 Initial Bronze grading will be awarded to tournaments that had between 2 and 16 participants, (Under 23 boys and girls combined), in the previous edition of the tournament.
- 3.09 Once initial grading has been awarded, that grading cannot be reduced.
- 3.10 A tournament can be upgraded if, on the day that the draw takes place, entries reach the next level.
 - For example, a tournament is initially awarded silver grading based on their being 55 entries the previous year. At the time the draw is made there are 66 entries. The tournament would be upgraded to gold grading.

4. TOURNAMENT APPLICATIONS

- 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 six months before tournaments are scheduled to take place.
- 4.03 Tournament Organisers shall submit Tournament Information for all WDF Ranked Tournaments to the WDF Sports Administrator a minimum of four months before the Sanctioned Event begins:
 - 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 and Consumption of Alcohol 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.
- 4.04 Tournament Applications will be reviewed, and Member Countries informed of confirmed dates within twenty-one days of receipt of the Tournament Application form.

5. TOURNAMENT SANCTION FEES

- 5.01 WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments shall carry the following sanction fees:
- 5.02 Bronze grading sanction fee - 25.00 USD
- 5.03 Silver grading sanction fee - 50.00 USD
- 5.04 Gold grading sanction fee - 75.00 USD
- 5.05 Platinum grading sanction fee – 100.00 USD

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 U23 boys and girls 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 ENTRY AND FEES

- 7.01 Each individual may only enter each tournament once.
- 7.02 Entry fees for WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments shall not exceed the equivalent to 50.00 USD.
- 7.03 Should any WDF Under 23 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
- 7.04 It is the Tournament Organisers responsibility to ensure that only eligible players enter a WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournament.
Any ineligible players that enter a WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournament in error shall have their entry fee returned and shall not be entered into the draw.

8. TOURNAMENT SEEDING AND DRAW

- 8.01 WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments shall be seeded based on the initial grading awarded as a part of the Tournament Application process and shall be seeded in the following way:
 - a) Platinum and Gold graded tournaments shall carry 16 seeds.
 - b) Silver graded tournaments shall carry 8 seeds.
 - c) Bronze graded tournaments shall carry 4 seeds.

- 8.02 Seeding shall be taken from the WDF Under 23 Main Ranking Tables (See section 15).
Where not enough players or not enough WDF Under 23 ranked players enter a WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournament to allow for a full complement of seeds, the number of seeds shall be reduced to 8, 4, 2 or 0 as required.

Tournament seedings shall be based on the WDF Under 23 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 Under 23 Main Ranking Tables on Wednesday 19 January.

- 8.03 Seeding shall be applied at the time that entries to the tournament close.
Where players are tied in the WDF Under 23 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.

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

a) 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

b) 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

c) 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

d) 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

8.05 Each player may only be entered into the draw once.

8.06 There shall only be one draw for opponents.

8.07 The draw for all WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments shall be made once entry to a tournament has closed and the seedings have been allocated.

The complete draw for all WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments shall be made available on the date specified within the Tournament Information and at the venue at the earliest opportunity.

8.08 Where required, byes shall be allocated throughout the draw in the following order:

a) Byes shall be allocated to seeded players, starting with the number one seed, and working down in numerical order to the last allocated seed.

b) All remaining byes will be randomly distributed throughout the draw.

8.09 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.

- 8.10 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 8.09).
- 8.11 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.
- 8.12 No substitutes shall be allowed in any WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournament.
- 8.13 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.

9. PLAYING RULES

- 9.01 WDF Under 23 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/>.

- 9.02 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.

10. PLAYING FORMAT

- 10.01 The playing format for all WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments shall be 501, straight in, double out, unless otherwise approved by the WDF.

- 10.02 All WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments shall use the following playing format

- Where applicable, Round Robin Group matches should be a minimum of best of three, maximum best of seven.
- All knockout matches should be a minimum best of five.

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.

11. PRIZE MONEY

- 11.01 Where applicable, total prize money levels for any WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournament shall be at the tournament organisers discretion.

- 11.02 The following criteria should be adhered to when establishing pay out levels for all WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments:

- Total prize money shall not fall below the minimums agreed as a part of the application process but may be enhanced.
- In both the boys and girls tournaments, Tournament Organisers shall determine the sum of prize money that tournament winners receive.
- In both boys and girls 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.

- 11.03 All advertised prize money shall be declared before tax deductions.

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

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

12. TOURNAMENT RESULTS REPORTING

12.01 All results from completed WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments must be made available to the WDF within 24 hours of the completion of the WDF Sanctioned Event.

13. POINTS ALLOCATION

13.01 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
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		32
Last 32	26	17			64
Last 64	13				128

14. WDF WORLD RANKING TABLES

14.01 All WDF Under 23 Ranking Tables shall be posted on the WDF website <https://www.dartswdf.com/tables>.

14.02 To be included in any WDF Under 23 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 Under 23 Main Ranking Tables

14.03 The WDF Under 23 Main Ranking Tables are one year rolling tables which carry the best ten points achievements by players, (Boys and Girls), across all WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments.

14.04 The WDF Under 23 Main Ranking Table shall be used to allocate seedings for WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments.

WDF Under 23 Regional Tables

14.05 WDF Under 23 Regional Tables are one year rolling tables which carry the best eight points achievements by players, (Boys and Girls), from the specific region across all WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments played in the specific region.

- Points achievements from WDF Under 23 Major tournaments will not count on regional tables.

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

14.07 In all WDF Under 23 Regional tables, Platinum and Gold graded tournaments shall carry Silver graded tournament ranking points.

14.08 WDF Under 23 Regional Tables break down as follows:

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

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

WDF Under 23 Tournament Qualifier Tables

- 14.09 All WDF Under 23 Tournament Qualifier (Race) tables, (Boys and Girls), shall run for a specific qualification period for the named tournament and shall include the points achieved in the nominated WDF Under 23 Ranked Tournaments.
- 14.10 In all WDF Under 23 Tournament Qualifier tables, Platinum and Gold graded tournaments shall carry corresponding tournament ranking points.
- 14.11 Details of all tournaments that carry WDF Under 23 Tournament Qualifier tables shall be available on the WDF website, including tournament dates, qualification criteria and prize money.

15. CONDUCT

- 15.01 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/>.

16. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

- 16.01 It is forbidden for any Under 23 players to drink any form of alcoholic beverage during a WDF Sanctioned Event.
- A WDF Sanctioned Event shall be interpreted as from the morning of the first event, (WDF ranked or otherwise), of the Sanctioned Event, until leaving the Sanctioned Event.
 - Random alcohol tests of Under 23 players may be taken during any WDF Sanctioned Event.
 - The WDF Drinking Policy statement reads as follows “It is forbidden for any Youth or Under 23 player to drink any form of alcoholic beverage during a WDF Sanctioned Event. Random Alcohol test may occur at any time during a WDF Sanctioned Event

17. ANTI-DOPING

- 17.01 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/>.
- The WDF Anti-Doping statement reads as follows “All WDF sanctioned events are subject to WDF Anti-Doping rules. The WDFs Anti-Doping rules can be found by visiting <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 Under 23 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 Under 23 Ranked Tournament.
- 18.02 All questions or queries concerning individual WDF Under 23 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 Under 23 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/>.

19. COPYRIGHT

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20. REVISION NOTES

None